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MARITIME PROVINCE IN GRIP OF SPY MANIA

(Special To "China Mail")

With new aeroplane and submarine bases being constructed with feverish rapidity, the Soviet Maritime Provinces are virtually on a war footing.

This revelation was made to the "China Mail" this morning by a foreigner who has just concluded an extensive tour of Soviet territory in the Far East.

Reports, especially in the Japanese press, of Russian preparations in the Far East, he stated, are not exaggerated, rather do they fall short of the truth.

At Vladivostok alone, over 100 submarines are already in commission, while each week more under-water craft arrive by rail in sections and are assembled for immediate service.

The whole stretch of coastline is being fortified, while new aeroplane and submarine bases are being constructed in isolated regions.

NEW MILITARY TOWN

Describing one such base, the foreigner stated that an entirely new military town was being built for officers and men and their families.

In this particular port, he stated, about 500 planes were stationed, as well as about twenty submarines and many surface craft ranging from destroyers to fast coastal motorboats.

Both the air force and the navy, he stated, are kept on what amounts practically to a war footing.

Not a day passes but submarines and small craft are at sea on manoeuvres, while the roar of aeroplane engines is almost continuous.

SPY MANIA

The country, he said, is in the grip of a spy mania similar to that which existed in some parts of England during the Great War.

Executions are common of civilians accused of being in the pay of Japan.

Discipline in the Red Army, navy and air force, the foreigner says, is harder than that in the former Czarist forces, and the men are

under no delusions as to the purpose of the vast increase in fortifications and troops in the Far East.

FRIENDLY TO BRITIONS

The foreigner described the Russian regular soldier as being extremely friendly towards Britain, this apparently being a significant part of their political training.

"They are very suspicious of foreigners as a rule," he stated, "but an Englishman is regarded as an ally."

The foreigner described how all foreign vessels arriving in Russian Far Eastern ports are thoroughly searched by naval and military men and the wireless apparatus sealed up.

The most extraordinary precautions are taken with regard to the crews of foreign ships, he says.

SAGHALIEN TENSION

Sailors are only allowed on the wharf to stretch their legs and no straying on shore is permitted. This restriction applies only in naval bases.

The foreigner found a corresponding state of tension on Saghalien Island, northern portion of which is Russian and the southern stretch Japanese.

JAPANESE PRECAUTIONS

In Japanese ports, he says, not only in Saghalien but in Japan proper, complete "black outs" are held several times a week.

In one port, where his ship stayed for 48 hours, no less than four complete black-outs were experienced, the population having to get out of bed, don gas-masks and concentrate at given points.

KAWAGOE TO LEAVE ON FRIDAY

Shanghai, To-day.
It is learned that Mr. Kawagoe, who is now in Nanking engaged in discussions with the Japanese military commanders, is returning to Shanghai to-morrow and will leave for Tokyo on Friday.—Our Own Correspondent.

MORE SOVIET BOMBERS ARRIVE

Shanghai, To-day.
According to reports from Hankow, a fresh batch of latest type bombers arrived at Hankow during the week-end from Soviet Russia.

The pilots are to stay in charge of the machines, which have been assigned, it is believed, to the Lung hai front.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE RESTRICTIONS IN TSINGTAO

Tsingtao, To-day.

The Japanese authorities have issued an edict requiring that all non-Japanese nationals, including Chinese, must secure a permit from the Japanese Consul-General before entering Tsingtao.

It is understood that the British and American consuls are making representations.

Pretext for the order is that it is necessary to check looting and profiteering.

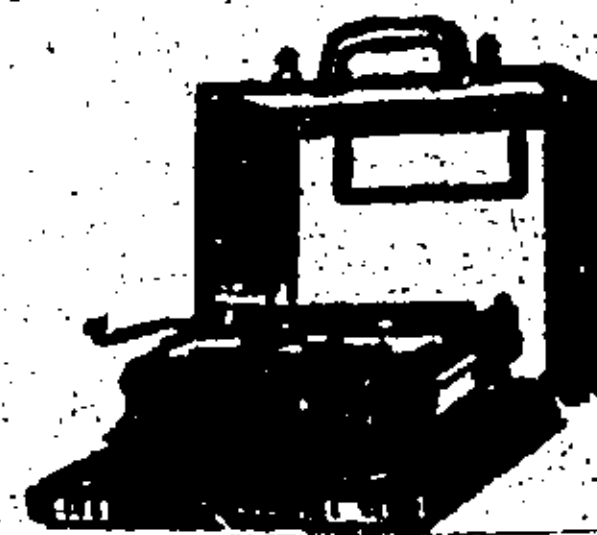
Over 600 Japanese, including many women, have returned to their Tsingtao homes since Saturday.—Our Own Correspondent.



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BROWNING'S LOVE FOR HIS WIFE

MORE UNPUBLISHED LETTERS

Many new details of the early married life of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning are revealed in 22 unpublished letters, written by Mrs. Browning from various places on the Continent to her two sisters, Henrietta and Arabella.

The letters, which were discovered last year by a member of the Barrett family, were sent to New York from London for sale by their owner. They are written in black ink on that very thin paper so popular with our grandparents to save postage money on foreign correspondence.

In many letters Mrs. Browning goes into ecstasies over her husband's love for her.

"He loves me more and more," she wrote in October, 1846. "To-day we've been together a fortnight, and he said to me with deep, serious tenderness — 'I kissed your feet before I married you. But now I would kiss the ground under those feet.'"

Marriage Defended

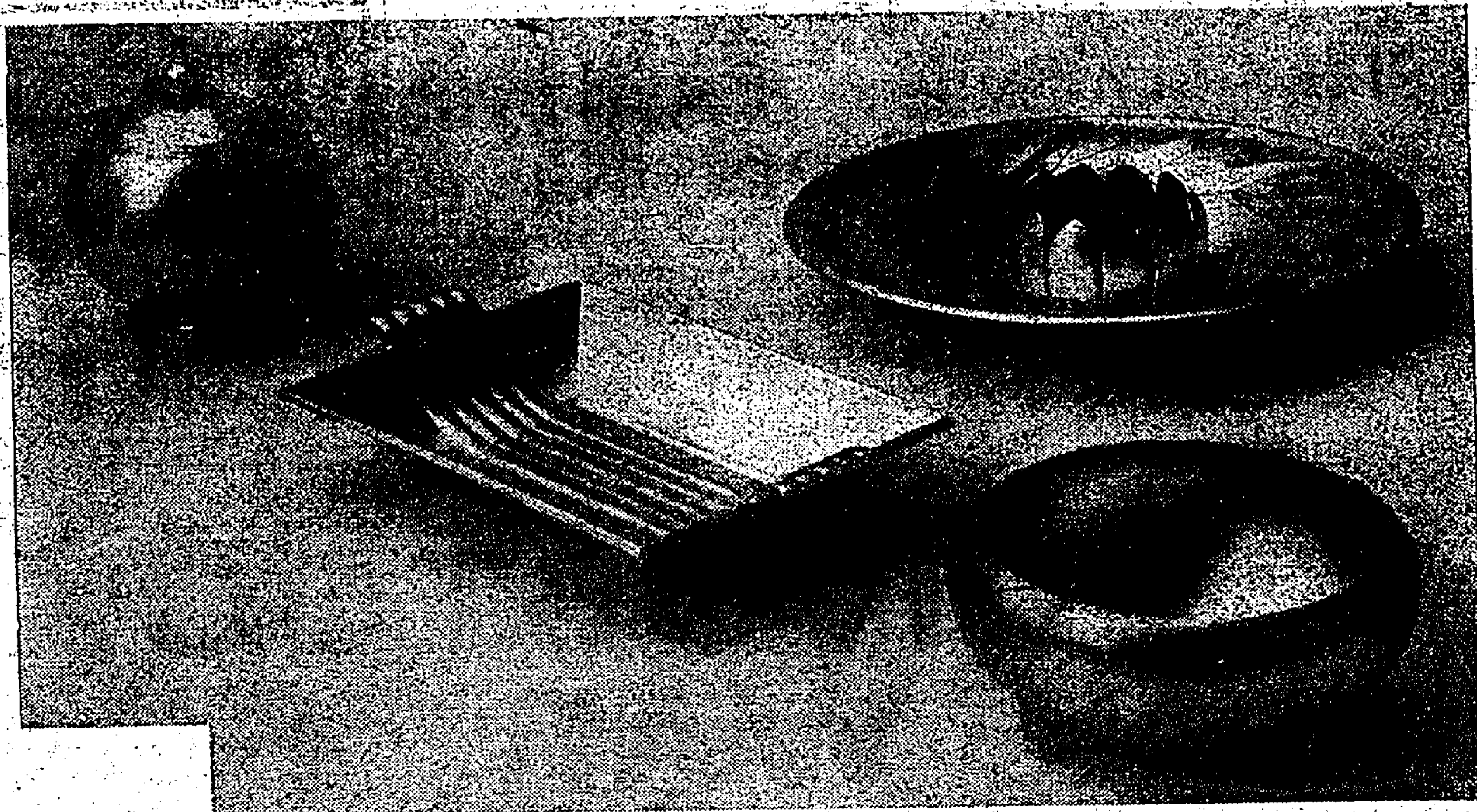
Browning's first letters to the sisters after the marriage defend his action in marrying Elizabeth, whom they believed to be too frail.

"I believed, and believe that your sister's life depended on my acting as I did act. I shall not attempt to tell you what she is to me. My whole life shall be devoted to such a woman, and my only happiness will consist in such devotion."

In 1849 Browning wrote a letter which is regarded as the most important of the whole series, describing the birth of his son.

"Through God's infinite goodness our Barrett birthed a fine strong boy. Now God has awarded our dearest, most precious of creatures for her perfect, goodness, self-denial and general rationality."

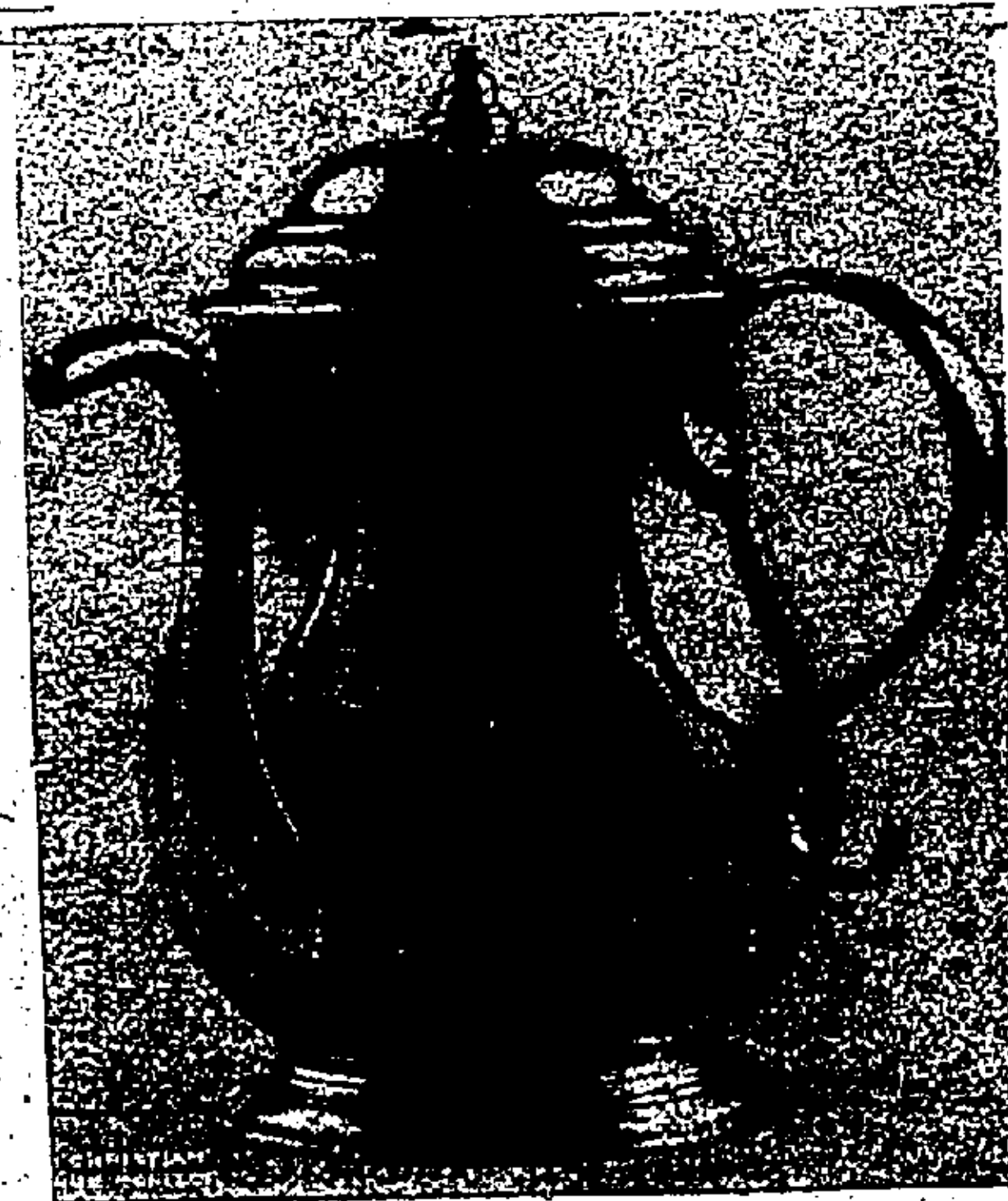
NOWADAYS, baby is managed differently, but still he must not be expected to sleep without any consideration whatever being given to his nervous system. Every one knows that loud talking and laughter are bound to disturb a sleep that otherwise would be sound and peaceful. Why then expect baby to be different! He has a nervous system the same as anyone else, but he should be trained not to take notice of everyday and ordinary noises. He will get a healthy sleep, then, regardless of the steam roller pushing up and down the street and the children next door having a wonderful game of cricket. But the mother will take care not to put baby to sleep in his cot at the front of the house when she knows the steam-roller will be in operation, nor will she put his cot next the fence when the children next door are home on holidays and bound to be more in evidence.



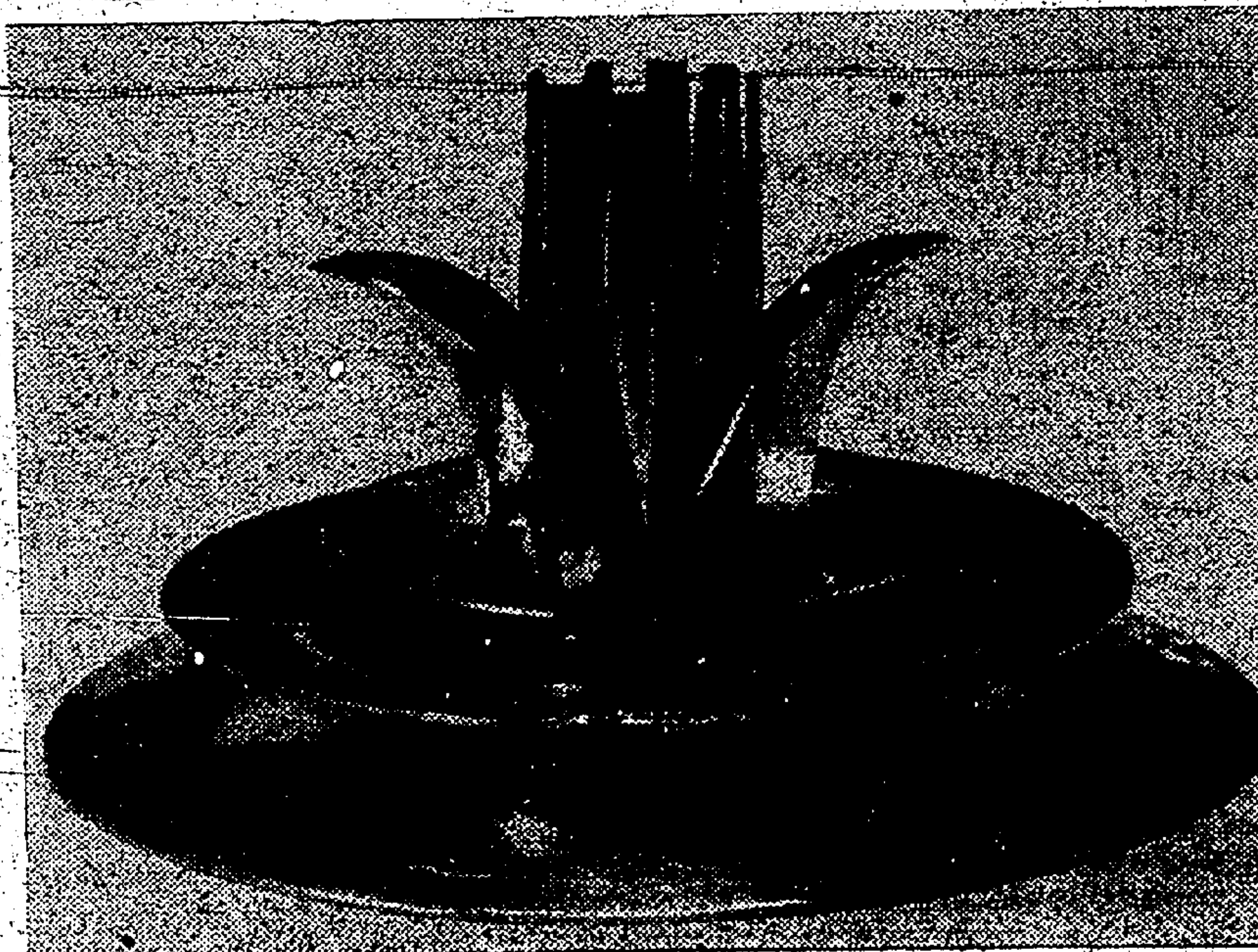
An attractive group of articles to enhance the dinner table from a well known American firm of silver-smiths.



A teapot from the early work of a famous Danish craftsman.



This might be a modern coffee pot, but is the work of an eighteenth century Boston artist.



An example of contemporary expression is found in the architectural transmutation of natural form which characterises the work of C. L. Eichner in the candleholder pictured above.

The Boston Museum recently held an exhibition of contemporary silverware, introduced by a prelude showing eighteenth century pieces from England and France and notable examples of Early American craftsmanship.

BEAUTY HINT

IF you have white hair, it will need more than ordinary attention. That yellowish tinge is often caused by incomplete removal of soap and the use of inferior shampoos. Use water which is not too hot, rinse all the soap thoroughly from the hair, and, as a last rinse, use blue water. This can be purchased from your hairdresser, or you can make your own from the blue-bag. When the hair is dry, spray it with a little blue brillantane.

IN THE KITCHEN

INSTEAD of making apple sauce for roast pork, try oranges. Make the sauce in the same way and serve hot.

LINE the kitchen saltbox with blotting-paper. It helps to keep the salt dry.

ALITTLE * * * vinegar added to stewing prunes greatly improves the flavour and lessens the amount of sugar required.

TO prevent milk pudding from sinking in the middle, run a sharp knife around the edge immediately after taking the pudding from the oven.

ON washing day, a useful article to have is a light wood box fixed to the fence near the clothes line. The dry clothes can be put into the box, whilst others are hung on the line. Thus there is no need to stoop and pick up the dry clothes from the lawn.

You May Think Popcorn Is The Prerogative Of Children **BUT TRY IT FOR YOURSELF** And See What Happens

A nostalgic New Englander seeks in vain for popcorn stands along the sidewalks of New York. Plenty of peanut stands, chestnut stands, and soft-drink stands, but seldom a purveyor of popcorn in sight. If a stranger knew where to look, perhaps he might find popcorn in the back room of a cheap candy shop, but not even its aroma reaches the street.

But popcorn's place is in the home. That is, it used to be—and would that it were again. Perhaps a patented popcorn machine on a city street corner can turn out a good product, but the proper place to pop corn was on the kitchen stove in the big cheerful farmhouse of boyhood, on a winter evening when a blizzard was beating at the windows.

Looking back down the years, the best corn that ever was popped or eaten was popped by a boy and his brother on cold winter nights for the exclusive consumption of the family circle. Strange how a boy could be hungry again only half an hour after he had dried the supper dishes for mother. And there behind the stove hung the big wire popper with its long red wooden handle and a hook in the end to hang on a nail.

The first thing to do was to see that the stove was hot with good maple or birch wood. Then one got a tin basin from the pantry, borrowed the kerosene lamp from the table and with brother climbed the stairs to the woodshed chamber where two or three bushel baskets of popcorn ears were waiting. Old Prince, the dog, usually waked from his nap under the stove and joined the expedition to the frosty chamber.

Sitting by the stove the boys shelled the ears of corn by rubbing them against each other and poured a cupful of kernels into the popper and fastened it with the clasp at the top. If the wood was still burning they popped the corn on top of the stove but if it had reached the stage of glowing red coals the popper was held directly over the coals. The popper must be kept "shaking," to heat the corn evenly so that it all would pop at the proper time.

After a premonitory pop or two the small kernels of hard yellow corn were rapidly metamorphosed into savory fluffiness. In a jiffy a chorus of staccato pop-pops came from other kernels and the aroma floated deliciously into the room. Could anyone ever feel anything but cheerful listening to the music of popping corn? When the cover bulged and one had held the popper still just long enough for the last few kernels to pop—and not long enough to burn any on the bottom—one unfastened the cover and poured the corn into a warm pan waiting on the back of the stove.

It took three or four poppings to fill the pan. By that time the

granite iron cup of melted butter was waiting to be poured over the snowy kernels as one stirred them with a long spoon and brother added salt from the big shaker. Saucers, too, had been warming in the oven and these were filled and passed around.

Father had laid aside the Weekly Farmer, mother her darning and sister her arithmetic book. Even Uncle John, who had been dozing in the corner with his chair tipped back against the wall, brought its front legs down to the floor with a clump. Old Prince crawled from beneath the stove to get the kernels spilled when the saucers were filled "heaping over."

How many saucers of that hot, crisp, tender, tasty corn did one eat? Who ever counted! And when the saucers no longer came back to be refilled there still was corn in the pan. Then one laid his saucer aside, sat down by the stove, put his feet on the shelf of the oven door, took the pan in his lap and ate till the last kernel was gone.

I wish I'd popped another popperful," he exclaimed as he put the pan aside. But father was closing the damper in the stove and mother was looking at the clock.

"It's time for all of us to pop off to bed," she said.

Household Hints

IF cage-birds are tormented by insects, hang a small bag of sulphur in the cage.

HALF an hour before using lettuce, wash it in water in which a teaspoon of sugar has been dissolved. This makes the leaves beautifully crisp.

IF a fruit-cake is not put into a really hot oven at first, the fruit will sink to the bottom.

CORKS submerged for a few minutes in melted paraffin wax will be both air and water tight, and can easily be cut or bored.

WHEN bread is too new to make into crumbs, shake a very little flour, or ground rice, on to a piece of the bread. This will enable you to crumble it easily.

TO remove tar stains from clothes, rub well with lard as soon as the garment is stained. Afterwards wash out the greasy stain of the lard with hot water, to which has been added a teaspoon of liquid ammonia. Use a little soap on a nailbrush.

Decking Men Up In 1938

London. As the old year passes, plans are made for dressing and decking men in 1938. Although nothing is heard of dress shows, as for women, much activity goes on behind the scenes. In former days little co-ordination existed and one sought in vain for definite tendencies or tie-ups. Now harmony reigns between makers of suitings, shirtings, hats and other accessories. Much ingenuity and not a little art go to fitting out the masculine wardrobe.

Above All—Cheerfulness
What one gathers from advance information of displays to be seen at the British Textiles Exhibition at Earls Court in February is that the guiding principle will be cheerfulness in men's wear. Could there be a better basis? The times seem out of joint, and it might be easy to lapse into pessimism. Common sense counsels putting on a good face; and the best way to brighten the social scene is to dress with animation.

From Scotland Comes Colour
Scotland is often said to be a dour country, yet from no other source come such vivid colours and gay patterns, coupled with the steadying influence of quality. We hear of smooth-faced Cheviots, clear-cut twist cloths with marl effect, being developed in blue, blue-gray and to less extent in greenish-gray and brown. Favourite stripes take the form of red and white lines, single, double or in clusters.

Cinnamon And Fawn
Overcoatings promise to show yet more colour, scored with both over- and under-checks. Manufacturers bank on cinnamon and fawn grounds which are bound to please, because they betoken a change from business and formality. No one could, however, associate Harris and Shetland homespun and District checks with anything but sports or holiday. Such fabrics stand for colour, bluntness, bold design and the joy of life.

Comfort And Comeliness
Gloves are to be lighter in colour and weight. Peccary, goatskin, buckskin and real reindeer sound a rich note; with chamois and sheepskin much in demand. The other day I saw gloves with natural chamois palms, punched with air holes, and light string backs; finished with elastic wrists. Moving from hands to feet: some of the most engaging shoes imaginable, white buckskin in medieval style, fastened by strap and buckle, should make a dual appeal next year—comfort and comeliness.

Fancy Knitwear
Fancy knitwear is to have a good showing at Earls Court. Styles comprise various types from cutaway sleeveless slipovers to those with long sleeves and turtle necks. Successful experiments have been made with pullovers and knitted sports jackets in novelty blended yarns.

For The Week-End
High-class shirts for town will be seen in light grounds with fine

stripes in twos and threes. For the week-end, light-coloured materials in gray, blue or green, with wide spaced lines in one or two hues, are assured of popularity.

Bathrobes
Among other exhibits we shall see terry-woven bath gowns in fast colours, notably black and white stripes on an olive-green ground. Quite suitable, too, for the beach. I note that some of the modern bathrobes are made full length with wide overlap, the girdle carrying sash ends and pocket aslant. One's own experience is that full-length gowns are well enough aboard ship or by the sea, but apt to trip the unwary when going upstairs.

Sensible Improvement
Intimate garments remind me of a sensible improvement in pyjamas. In place of girdle or elastic, trousers are fitted with yoke and belt in one. The yoke fastens at the back and the loose ends run through slots at the side, forming a bow at the front. This is a cute arrangement.

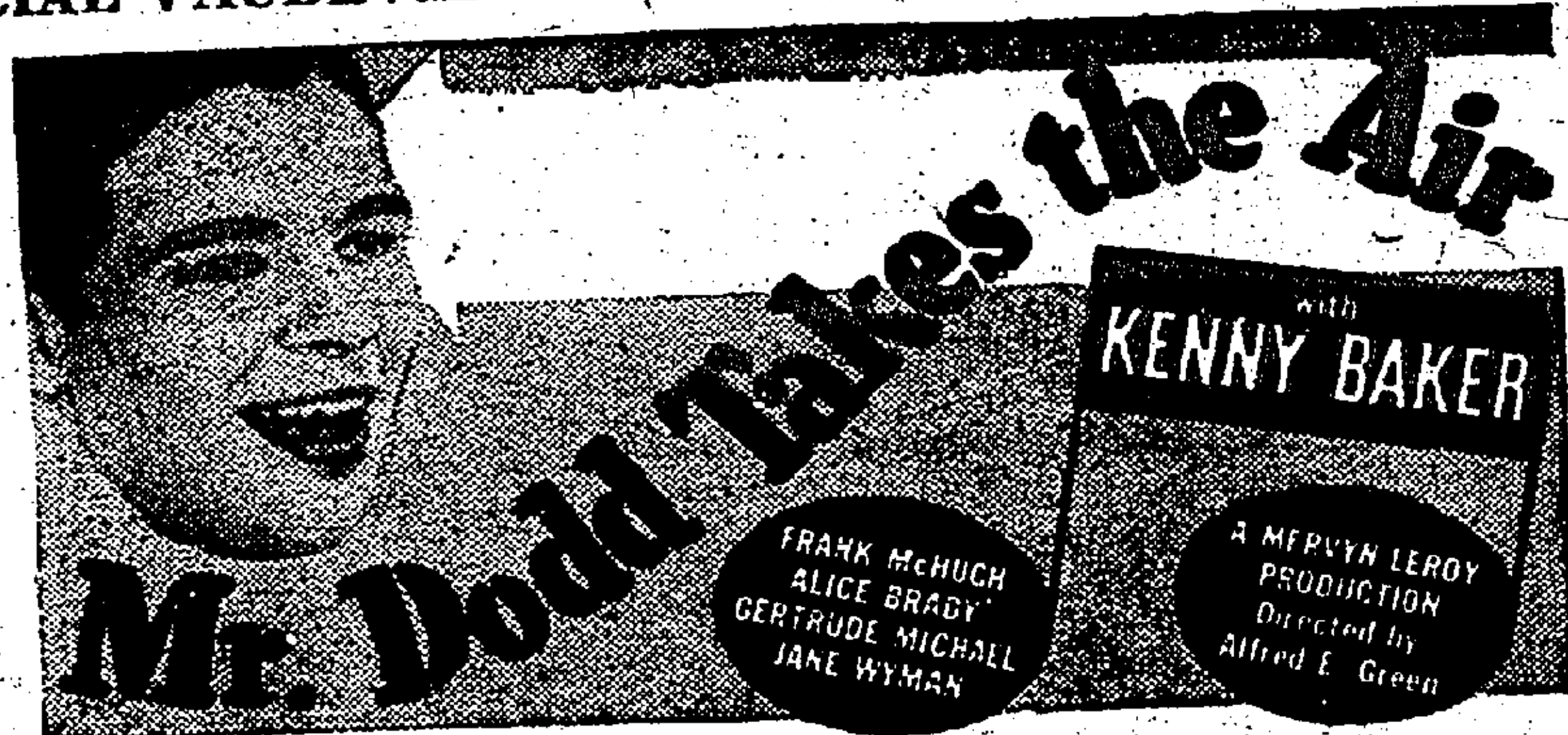
What Next?
Coming back to the British Industries Fair, discoveries which will eventually prove of the greatest service to men are being staged. These include durable waterproofing which resists stains and can be boiled and dry-cleaned; a new anti-crease treatment; a permanent linen finish for cotton goods and a fused interlining.

Flannels Gaining
Flannels gain in favour every year and pattern bunches for 1938 illustrate this trend. Manufacturers assume they will largely take the place of worsteds for summer suits. Most men enjoy the softness and pliability of flannels. Now that designs and weights are pertinent, they are not confined to warm weather or week-ends. Designers, by imitating worsted patterns, make them appropriate for town. Furthermore, these cloths are proofed with water-repellent compounds.

Backgrounds
Backgrounds include light and dark blue, gray, fawn, light brown and a few delicate shades of green. Chalk, pin, corkscrew and mixture stripes add style, while combinations of two diverse patterns enhance the decorative note.

"Next time you have to froth the white of an egg—add a teaspoonful of sugar and a dessertspoonful of cold water. Then beat them well together. This you will find almost doubles the amount and 'beats up' quicker."

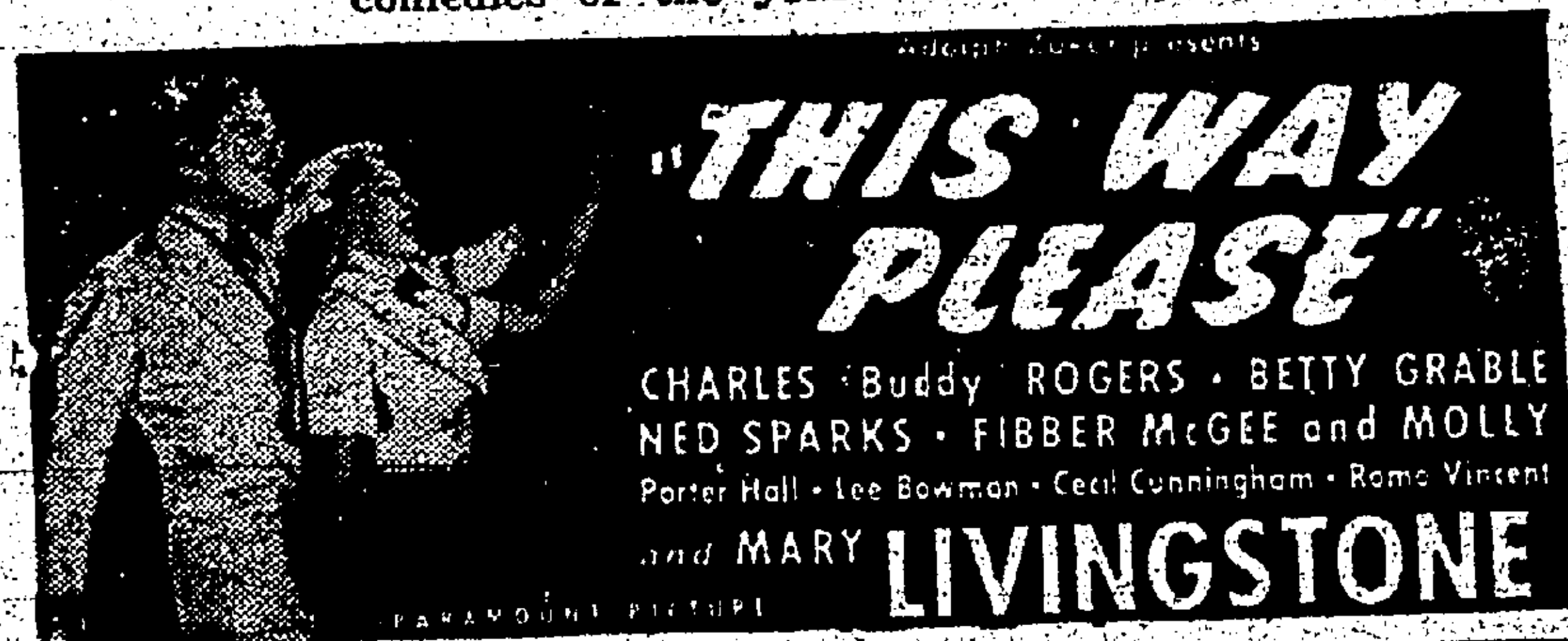
"This hint sure will help innumerable readers to keep their loose chair-covers tidy. (Men always drag them out). Roll newspaper very tightly and press it down between seat and back of chair. They will keep neat and tidy indefinitely."

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**AUSTRIAN
RECOGNITION
OF GEN. FRANCO**

Vienna, To-day.

Preparations for recognition of General Franco by the Austrian Government, in accordance with the decision reached at the recent conference between Italy, Austria and Hungary, have already been begun.

A press report states that the Austrian Consul in Madrid has been instructed to ascertain from 180 Austrian nationals in Republican Spain whether they wish to remain there or leave the country. Cost of evacuation would be met by the Austrian Government.

NO LEGATION

Following evacuation of Austrian nationals from Republican Spain, Austria will recognise the diplomatic representative of Gen. Franco as official envoy of Spain in Austria.

It is not intended, however, to establish an Austrian Legation in Spain, since Austria for many years has not had a Legation in that country, and the Austrian Legation in Paris will continue to look after Austrian diplomatic affairs in Spain.

Austria will, however, establish a consulate in Gen. Franco's capital—Trans-Ocean.

**ALLEGED RAID ON
PIGSTY**

Ip Tong and Chan Sui-mui, pig breeders, were this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with the theft of eight chickens, theft of a pig and killing a pig with the intention of stealing the carcase, at Shek Pai-wan, Aberdeen.

The defendants admitted stealing the chickens but denied the other charges and stated that the pig was killed by another person. The case was adjourned till Thursday.

Early yesterday morning, complainant went to her pigsty and was surprised to find the pig killed, apparently by a knock on the head. She negotiated with a butcher for the sale of the carcase but when she returned later she found that it had been taken away.

**SOLIMAN PASHA
STATUE**

Paris, To-day.

King Farouk of Egypt is said by the "Petit Parisien" to be contemplating a visit to Lyons in connection with the proposed erection of a statue in commemoration of Soliman Pasha, who was born there in 1787.

Soliman Pasha, whose original name was Seves, played a leading part in the Egyptian campaign against Turkey.—Trans-Ocean.

AT THE KING'S—"Life Begins in College", with the comedy mad Ritz Brothers, Joan Davis, Tony Martin and Gloria Stuart is the funniest, fastest hit of the year and is augmented by several song hits.

**RIVER TRAFFIC
RESUMED**

Shanghai, To-day.

Traffic across the Whangpoo, which has been closed for a long period by order of the Japanese army, has now reopened and, as the word spread along the waterfront, thousands of Pootung residents crossed and recrossed in an endless stream.

Reopening of Pootung will considerably increase the amount of vegetable foods available in local markets.—Reuter.

**EUROPEANS IN
CAR MISHAPS**

Two accidents on Saturday caused by bad lighting round excavations in the road near Ming Yuen Gardens have been reported to the Police.

In the first case, Mr. E. M. Watts, of Imperial Airways, was returning to Taikoo shortly after one o'clock. Near the H.K. Electric Club he ran into some railing. The place was badly lit and he did not see the bamboos till after he had hit them.

In another case, Lieut. Edleston, R.A.O.C., had his car, No. 2356, damaged through the same cause. There were three Europeans in the car at the time. The rear side of the radiator and the front guard and door were damaged.

**ANNUAL BALL OF
S.J.A.B.**

The annual ball of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade takes place on Wednesday, February 2, at the Hong Kong Hotel, when H. E. The Governor will preside.

The Commander-in-Chief, Vice Admiral Crabbe, H. E. the General Commanding the Forces and Mrs. Bartholomew have also kindly consented to be present.

The following artistes have offered their services and an excellent cabaret is assured:—Ted and Evelyn Chen—internationally famous dancers; Mr. Jack Grenham—selections; Miss Chan Kuen Kuen, tap dancing; Miss Lo Shun Hing, film star and actress; Miss Reynolds, classical dancing; Miss Hastell, crooner.

**BREACH OF TRUST
BY JUNK FOKI**

Chau Kam-sing, a junk foki, was this morning sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to the theft of a trunk, containing money and clothing to the value of \$467, at Shaokwan on June 15.

Cheung Kui, a widow who was charged with receiving, was discharged as the Police could not prove guilty knowledge.

Inspector Wright said the master of the junk went to Machau on business and left the foki in charge of the junk. Defendant took the trunk to the second defendant's place. Only \$184.80 had been recovered and this was ordered to be paid to the master.

Hungary Explains Rome Protocol Attitude

Budapest, To-day.

In a memorandum submitted to the Foreign Relations Committees of the Upper and Lower Houses of Legislature, the Foreign Minister, M. de Kanya, discusses the attitude of various European problems mainly in connection with the recent conference in Budapest of the three signatories to the Rome Pact.

SOVIET HANKOW EMBASSY BURNED DOWN

Hankow, To-day.

While the Soviet Ambassador, M. Lukanets-Orelsky, together with his staff, is at Chungking to present his credentials — the first diplomat to present credentials in the new Chinese capital — the Soviet Embassy in Hankow was completely destroyed by fire.

Incendiarism is suspected, a foreigner stating that he heard an explosion before the outbreak. The Soviet Embassy in Nanking was recently damaged by fire of unknown origin.

The fire in the Embassy, which is situated on the French Concession Bund, broke out at 8.30 last night.

ONLY SHELL LEFT

The French fire brigade immediately hurried to the scene and got the flames under control after half an hour, but only the shell remains, and the building is a complete loss.

The suggestion of sabotage was mentioned by the foreigner who said he distinctly heard an explosion before the fire.

The foreigner, whose house is directly behind the Soviet Embassy building, said that a few minutes after he heard the explosion, he saw flames leaping to the sky.

Reuter, visiting the scene, saw the building burning simultaneously on the ground floor, the second floor and the roof.

The Minister stresses that the sympathy expressed in a communique issued at the close of the conference by Hungary and Austria for cordial co-operation between Germany and Italy does not, so far as Hungary is concerned, imply any modification of policy since the Hungarian Government has invariably regarded co-operation as a powerful factor for the maintenance of peace.

The Minister goes on to point out that the anti-Communists' standpoint emphasised in the communique merely repeated the views always taken by the three States adhering to the Rome Pact. The Minister adds that Hungary had never been requested to join the Anti-Comintern Pact.

LEAGUE ATTITUDE

Regarding the League of Nations, the Minister says that the Hungarian Government had always been convinced that if the League is to usefully serve the cause of international justice it must change the attitude hitherto adopted by it.

Turning to the question of de jure recognition of General Franco's Government by Hungary, the Minister recalls the fact that General Franco controls over two-thirds of Spanish territory and that in September last Hungary had recognised the Spanish Nationalist Government de facto. — Trans-Ocean.

MAINLY OF WOOD

Glancing through the windows, the building appeared to be uninhabited, but this is explained by the fact that the majority of the Embassy staff at present are with the Ambassador at Chungking.

The building, previously the old Russian Consulate, was constructed mainly of wood with brick walls. It had probably been standing over thirty years, and the fire treated it like paper. — Reuter.

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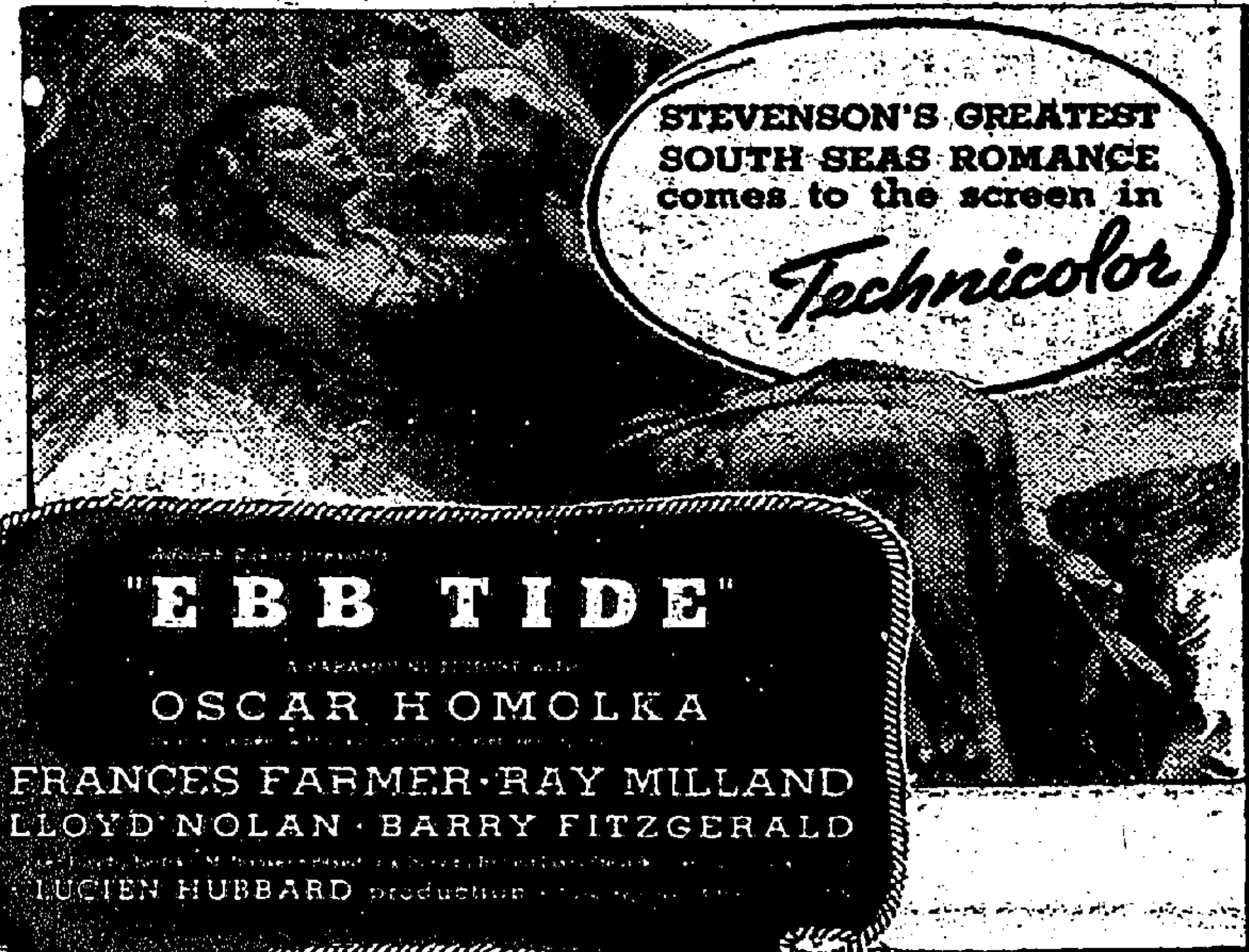
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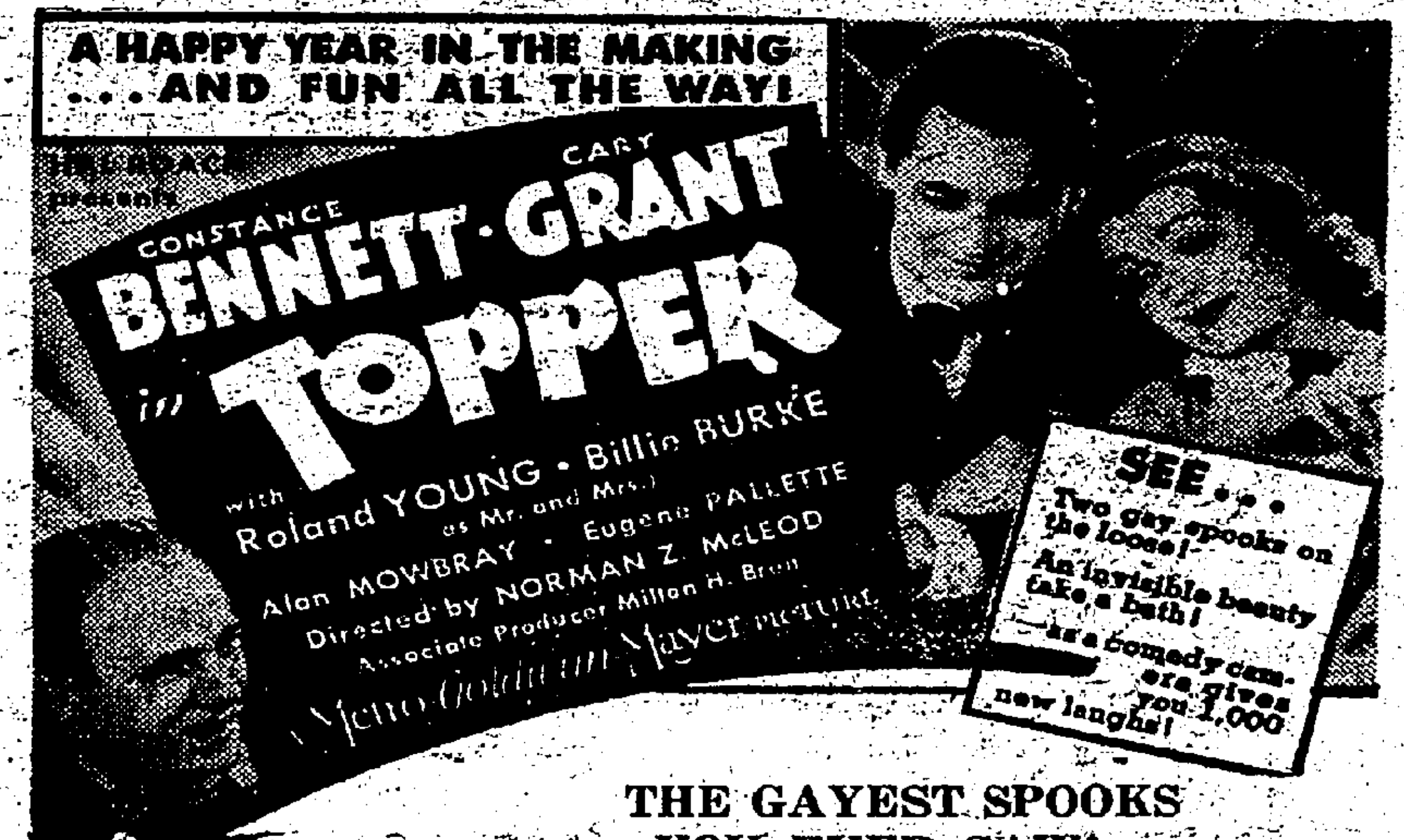
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FIVE BOMBS NEAR SAICHUEN

Canton, To-day.

A foreigner phoning to Reuter from Saichuen, the industrial district north-west of Canton, states that five bombs have just been dropped a few miles north but no details are available.

No planes have been seen owing to dull overcast weather but the roar of engines was distinctly audible as they passed.

The country north of Saichuen was also bombed yesterday afternoon, but with the ex-

LATE PANCHEN LAMA

Chungking, To-day.

The coffin containing the remains of the late Panchen Lama, who died at Yushui, in Chinghai, on December 1, has arrived at Kantzu, in eastern Haikang.

Arrangements are being made for the remains to be taken to Lhasa for burial. — Reuter.

ception of the arsenal it is difficult to ascertain the objective.

Despite intensive bombing of the Canton-Hankow railway, trains are still leaving for Hankow all of them crowded with passengers. — Reuter.

FACTS BEHIND CHINA PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Pressure For Definite Reply On Vaguest Terms

AIR ATTACK ON MADRID BEATEN OFF

Madrid, To-day.

Shortly before noon yesterday three insurgent planes attempted to reach Madrid but were driven off by anti-aircraft guns.

It was the first time for many months that insurgent planes have appeared over Madrid.

Reports have come in of insurgent air raids on Republican towns all down the Catalan coast.

Meanwhile, frontier traffic between France and Republican Spain in the Eastern Pyrenees has been entirely interrupted.—Trans-Ocean.

PRINCESS JULIANA

Soestdijk, To-day.
Birth of Princess Juliana's baby was not expected last night, according to information received from the Palace at 7 o'clock.
It was stated that the Princess was perfectly well and cheerful.—Reuter.

VON BLOMBERG'S DAUGHTER TO WED

Berlin, To-day.

The engagement is announced of Miss Dorothy Von Blomberg, youngest daughter of the Reichs War Minister, Field-Marshal Von Blomberg, to Cavalry Lieutenant Karl Heinz Keitel, son of General Keitel who occupies a high position in the War Ministry where he is said to be Field-Marshal Von Blomberg's "right hand" man.—Trans-Ocean.

Official Statement Expected To Be Issued

Hankow, To-day.

Widespread rumours, both at home and abroad, that the Chinese Government has been secretly negotiating with Japan for peace, should finally be set at rest, in the opinion of official circles here, by publication in Berlin and Tokyo of details of Germany's part as mediator and by Mr. Koki Hirota's disclosure of Japan's four basic conditions for peace.

Before submission of these basic conditions, it is learned from a usually well-informed source, Japan submitted certain proposals to the Chinese Government, "but changed her mind and practically reversed them before a reply could be given."

The basic conditions, it is stated, were presented towards the end of December, and Japan pressed for a definite reply — either acceptance or rejection.

The Chinese Government considered these conditions presented as "being too vague or too all-embracing, and as being susceptible, without further details, to the widest possible interpretation."

DOOR CLOSED

Then, on Jan. 16, the Japanese Government issued its declaration withdrawing recognition from the National Government, "thereby closing the door to further negotiations."

The Chinese press here published the text of Mr. Hirota's four basic conditions without comment, but the Chinese Government, it is understood, is shortly issuing an official statement on the subject.

Mr. Chen Po-sen, formerly Tokyo correspondent of the official Central News Agency, in a leading article published in the "Ta Kung Pao," said that Japan was facing a very grave financial and economic situation, and predicted that "grave complications are bound to follow in Japan if China is able to continue her resistance for six months more."—Reuter.

ITALIAN CONQUEST IN ABYSSINIA

London, Yesterday.

That the problem of recognition of Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia will be dealt with in the forthcoming session of the League Council is doubted by the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," who bases his conclusion on the fact that the attitude of Great Britain and the United States has not changed.

It is believed that the general attitude of the United States will have a decided influence on the inclinations of other countries.

That the British Government has also remained firm in its position is indicated by the rejection of the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, of the former Belgian Premier, M. Van Zeeland's attempt to mediate between England and Italy in order to arrange a settlement of the Abyssinian question.

COLD SHOULDER

The paper intimated that the recent endeavours made by Italy in Rome and in London to bring about an Anglo-Italian rapprochement through the new exchange of opinions has been received in London with more or less a cold shoulder.

The paper emphasises, in conclusion, the often repeated statement of the past several weeks, namely that in dealing with all fundamental questions pertaining to the momentary international situation, the British Government is maintaining the closest contact with the Government of the United States of America.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE TROOPS BREAK LULL ON ICE-BOUND LUNGHAI RAILWAY FRONT

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese troops have broken the lull on the front in south-west Shantung, claiming that as a result of a surprise attack, to have recaptured Liang-siatien, south of Yenchow, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

The Chinese are also attacking towards Tsining, whence the Japanese are seeking to cut the Lung hai Railway, described as China's jugular vein."

Sporadic clashes have occurred in the neighbourhood of Pengpu, 75 miles north of Nanking.

Chinese planes twice raided Wuhu, but the Japanese deny that any damage was done or casualties inflicted.—Reuter.

BATTLING IN FROST

Shanghai, To-day.

Battling in bitterly cold weather over the frozen countryside, Chinese and Japanese soldiers are locked in brisk engagements in the northern and southern sectors of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, according to Chinese reports.

Because of the weather conditions, the Japanese troops are stated to have curtailed the offensive, and are concentrating on consolidating ground gained.

Meanwhile, Chinese troops are reported to have made several determined attacks for the purpose of dislodging Japanese units from Chaohsien, the advance base of the southward drive of the Japanese, but without success.—Reuter.

WUHU RAIDS

Hankow, To-day.

Vernacular reports from Shanghai state that Chinese planes bombed the Japanese forces at Wuhu last night resulting in heavy casualties among the Japanese troops.

Fires are raging in Wuhu itself, according to the same report, which add that the Chinese entry to the town is expected any moment.

Chinese guerillas, it is also claimed, were active in Pootung yesterday, where martial law is enforced.

The sound of gun-fire could faintly be heard in Shanghai yesterday coming from Pootung.—Our Own Correspondent.

PROGRESS CLAIMED

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Japanese have resumed their advance northwards along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, according to a Japanese communiqué.

A column of Japanese troops, which is striking north from Fukow, has already covered a distance of 60 miles and has reached Mingkwang.

Vanguard of the Soyeda Brigade is stated to have pressed on to Linhuankwan, some eight miles further north.—Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET'S NINETY SUBMARINES AT VLADIVOSTOCK

Tokyo, To-day.

Great prominence is given in the press to reports that the Soviet submarine fleet in Vladivostock now numbers 90 units, following an addition of eighteen submarines shipped to the East from Sebastopol on Dec. 12.

The reports add that additional submarines are now under construction at Vladivostock and Khabarovsk, while it is stated that new naval bases are also being created in Soviet Far Eastern waters.—Reuter.

UNITED STATES SCEPTICAL OF MR. HIROTA'S MODERATION

Assurances Taken In Washington "With All Reserve"

Where Question Mark Comes

Washington, To-day.

The moderation of Mr. Koki Hirota's speech in the Diet on Saturday, with its pledge of continuance of the open door in China, has been duly noted by official Washington.

If scepticism regarding the course of Japan's policy in China is not thereby removed, and the keenness of the United States' watch on the Yangtse not relaxed, it is because of fear, based on past experience, that Japan's real policies are too often improvised by her forces in China.

Consequently, Mr. Hirota's assurances are received in Washington with all reserve.

Certain tendencies are here to read into Mr. Hirota's speech, firstly, continued desire to play off the signatories of the Anti-Red Pact, including Nationalist Spain, against the Democracies, and within the Democratic Front to strive to weaken Anglo-American co-operation by flattering the United States at Britain's expense.

U.S. AND JAPANESE ENCROACHES

Washington, To-day.
The representations made to the Japanese Government by the United States Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Joseph Grew, in connection with Japanese entry into American property in Nanking, have caused general approval here.

Otherwise there is no reaction, and it is understood that Washington will continue to leave to diplomats on the spot, handling of situations arising from any further encroachments.—Reuter.

PASSING OF LORD GISBOROUGH

London, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday of Lord Gisborough at the age of 82.

Richard Godolphin Walmesley Chaloner, Lord Gisborough, entered the Army in 1878, and served in India and Afghanistan.

He was adjutant of the North Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry and later commanded the 1st Wilts in South Africa.

During the War he was in the Fourth Reserve Cavalry.

From 1895 to 1900 he represented the Westbury Division of Wiltshire in the House of Commons, and was M.P. for the Abercromby Division of Liverpool from 1910 to 1917.—Reuter.

Secondly, Mr. Hirota's contention that in spite of the sinking of the Panay, Japan-American relations have suffered no impairment, is regarded as a piece of over-optimism comparable to the phantasies which the Japanese press has been publishing about United States' policy.

MR. SAITO'S WARNING

It is understood that Mr. Saito, Japanese Ambassador in the United States, holds no such facile view, and has warned Tokyo urgently of the adverse tide of American opinion.

Thirdly, the suggestion that the Powers should co-operate in an economic aspect in occupied China, is interpreted in some quarters as an invitation to provide loans for Japan's protégé, Manchukuo—in the form of aid to Japan, which the Democracies have already refused to provide.

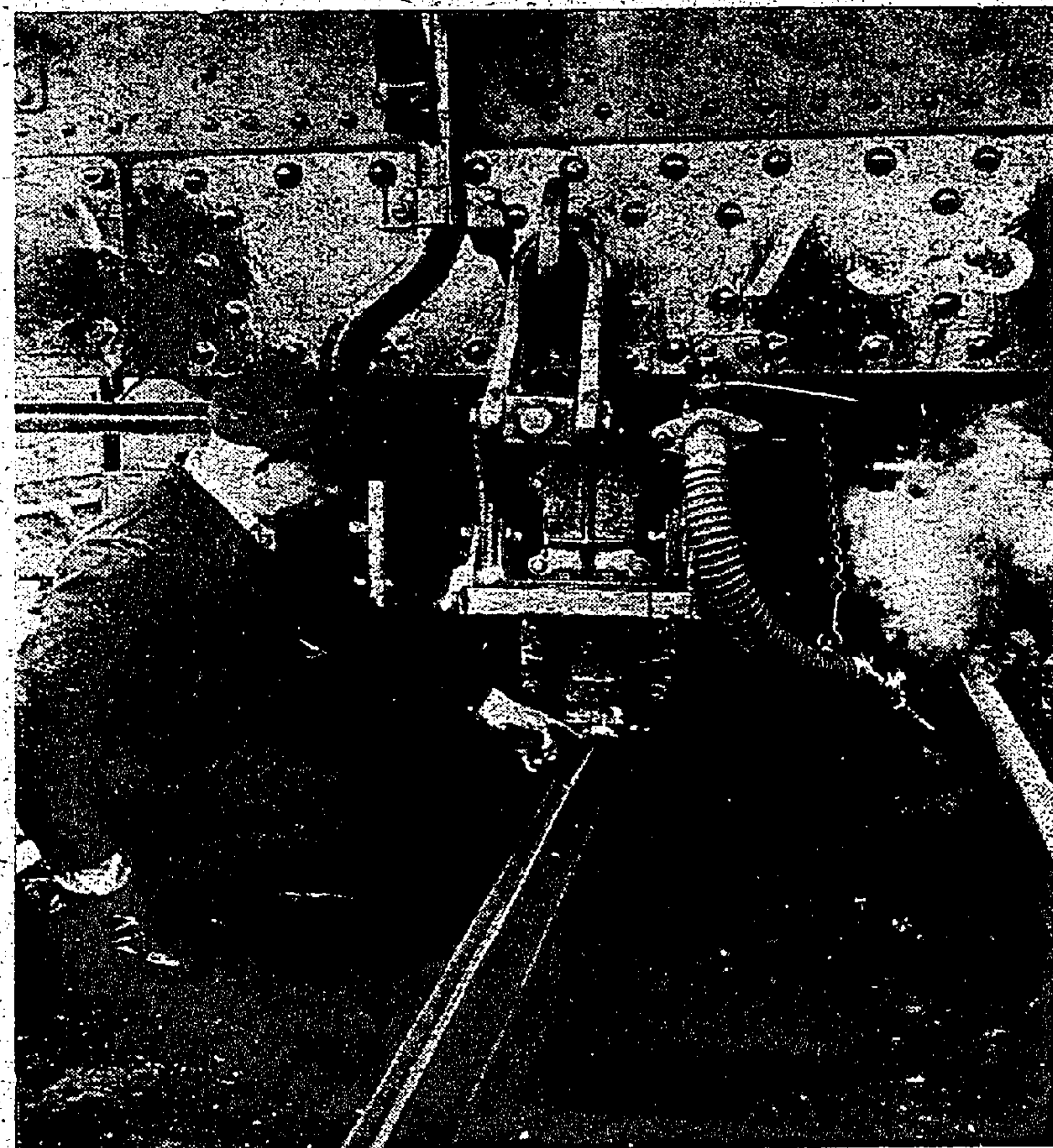
Briefly, Washington would welcome Mr. Hirota's moderation if it were felt that his words meant a real change in Japan's course.

But there is no hiding the fact that this is where the question mark comes.—Reuter.

CHINA'S REAL LIFE-LINE IN THE SOUTH

The paramount importance of China's various southern routes of communication with the outside world is pointed out by expert foreign observers who have just arrived in the Colony from Hankow.

They express surprise that apparently public sentiment in the South is inclined to over-estimate



FIGHTING FOG ON THE RAILWAYS. The G.W.R. have introduced Automatic Train Control which has the effect of guiding the engine driver when in thick fog. Electric rails connected with the signal cabin have been installed on over 2,000 miles of line. A shoe suspended under the engine picks up sound waves from the ramp and sent out by the signalman. If the signal is at "clear" a bell rings by the driver's side in his cab, if at "danger" a siren blows and brakes are automatically applied throughout the train. Photo shows the electric shoe under the engine making contact with the ramp. (Fox Copyright).

the strategic importance of the Lanchow-Sian road which totals much discussed highway connection between Soviet Russia and Northwest China.

A sober comparison of the transport possibilities along the Turkestan - Urumchi - Hami - the real "Chinese life-line."

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GEN. CHANG CHUN'S NEW POST

Confirmed By Mandate Of National Government

OFFICIAL TRIBUTE TO GEN. LIU HSIANG

Chungking, To-day.

A mandate issued by the National Government appoints General Chang Chun, former Minister for Foreign Affairs, to be Chairman of the Szechuen provincial government in succession to the late General Liu Hsiang.

General Chang Chun is a member of the Central Executive Committee, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, Secretary-General of the Military Affairs Commission and Secretary-General of the Central Political Council.

He was at one time Mayor of Shanghai and is a native of Szechuen.

Meanwhile, the National Government has issued another mandate commending the late General Liu Hsiang for his "profound knowledge and noble character."

The mandate says that in early life he served in the army and rendered remarkable services in the maintenance of local peace and order and in discharge of his duties as Governor of Szechuen, fully proved his competence.

"He actively supported plans for unification of the country. Recently ordered to resist the enemy, he personally led his troops to the front and spared no effort at revising military plans."

POSTHUMOUS HONOUR

The Government orders that the posthumous honour of full General of the first grade be conferred on General Liu Hsiang, and the sum of \$10,000 appropriated for funeral expenses.

Ho Chien, Minister of the Interior, has been despatched to attend the funeral on behalf of the Government.

A liberal compassionate grant is to be made by the Executive Yuan for General Liu's family, and his biography will be presented for compilation in the national history so as to manifest the Government's recognition of his loyalty.—Reuter.

FRANCE AND TOKYO NAVY BUILDING

Paris, To-day.

Rumours of Japanese intention to build warships far in excess of the limits imposed by the Washington Treaty, have induced the French press to focus public attention on French naval plans.

"Excelsior" learns that France is not yet contemplating construction of battleships exceeding 35,000 tons but may soon find herself under compulsion to examine this question in view of the threat to French interests in the Far East.—Trans-Ocean.

CLOUDY WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has decreased slightly in intensity, and is probably commencing to move eastward.

Local forecast:—E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

LEAGUE TO DISCUSS FAR EAST CONFLICT

Geneva, To-day.

That the forthcoming meeting of the League Council will, like the Nine-Power Conference at Brussels, fail to produce any solution of the Far Eastern conflict was the forecast of the Chinese permanent delegate to the League of Nations in an interview with Herbert Curtiss, Trans-Ocean representative.

The Minister declared that the conflict could be brought to a rapid end if Britain and the United States were prepared to apply sanctions against Japan. This, however, appeared to be out of the question for the time being.

To call the Japanese action in China a battle against Communism was absurd, said the Minister, since the conflict with China would weaken the Japanese Army to such an extent that it would no longer be strong enough to risk conflict with Soviet Russia. He declared that in his opinion the position of the Soviet Union in the Far East would become stronger and stronger the longer the Sino-Japanese conflict lasted.

Japan, he said, could not reap any profit in China since even if she conquered China she would no longer have financial strength for economic penetration. Japanese victory would mean the elimination of the influence of other Powers in China although some of these Powers expect other developments and are reluctant to protect their interests effectively.

The Minister concluded by saying that the spirit of the Chinese people is unbroken so that ultimate victory is assured for China.—Trans-Ocean.

SMALLPOX CASES

A further five cases of smallpox were reported to the local Health Authorities in the 48 hours ended at midnight yesterday, bringing the total since the beginning of the year to 103.

Of the last batch, three were in Victoria, one in Shauiwan and one in Aberdeen.



Mr. David and Dame Margaret Lloyd George, who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary to-day. The veteran M.P. and his wife are at present staying in the South of France.

PEACE OF WORLD IN HANDS OF DEMOCRACIES

Cap Antibes, To-day.

Mr. Lloyd George, the veteran Liberal leader, who is celebrating his Golden Wedding to-day, declared in a special interview yesterday that the future liberty of many generations depended on what Britain, France and the United States did now, and whether they were working on parallel lines.

"These great democracies," he said, "are powerful enough to protect human liberty."

Asked for his reaction to the struggle between Fascism and Communism, Mr. Lloyd George declared: "I see no difference whatsoever between these two policies and creeds."

NO DIFFERENCE

"Fascism as extolled by Mussolini, Nazism as practised by Hitler, and Bolshevism as exploited by Stalin, reveal to me no fundamental differences."

"Liberty is just as remote in Germany as in Russia."

Mr. Lloyd George described Mussolini as perhaps the most skilful bluffer in Europe.

POOR CARDS

He bluffed with the poorest cards. The real cards were in the hands of the Democratic powers, who when the right time came, would make a clean sweep of the table.

Mr. Lloyd George expressed the opinion that France has the best army in the world.—Reuter.



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REBEL PLANES FIRED ON BY FRENCH A.A. GUNS

Perpignan, To-day.

It is estimated that thirty were killed and forty seriously injured when Spanish insurgent aeroplanes raided, for the first time in the civil war, the Spanish frontier town of Puigcerda yesterday.

A Hotel and other buildings were damaged, and inhabitants panicked and fled into French territory taking injured with them.

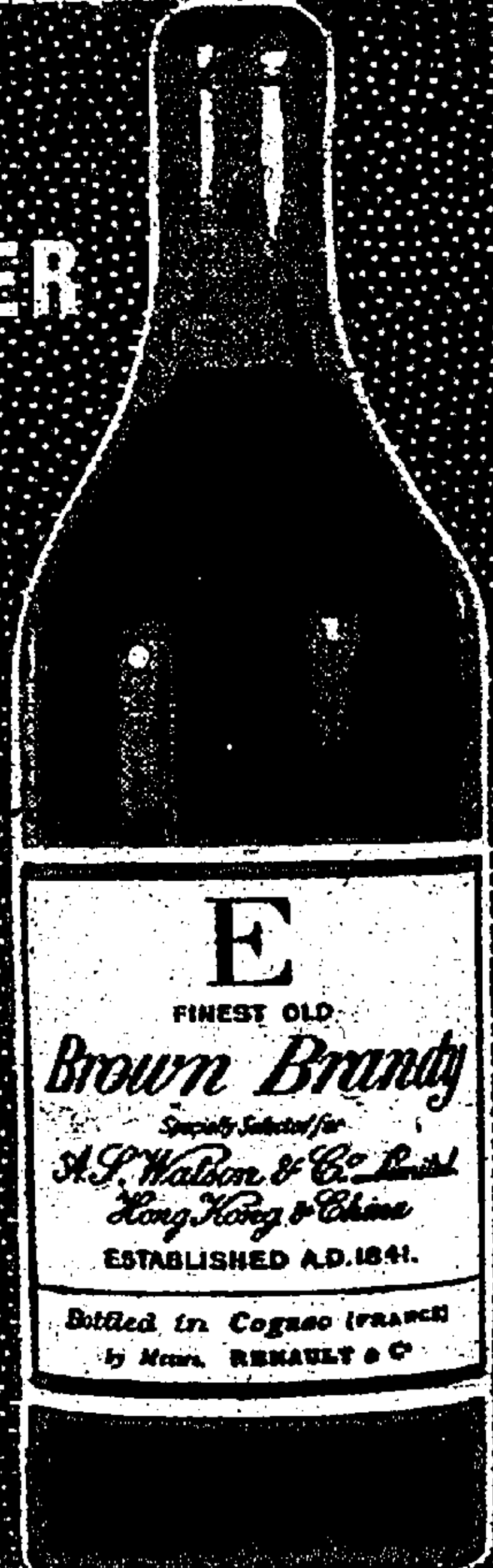
Several bombs fell on the French side of the frontier, where they did no damage.

French anti-aircraft guns fired on the raiders.—Reuter.

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M. CHAUTEPS' POLICY

It had been supposed in many quarters that the almost wholly Radical Socialist complex of the new French Government would early be exposed as a grave weakness when M. Chauteps faced the Chamber with his statement of policy. Such expectations are largely belied by the refreshingly candid and realistic statement made by M. Chauteps and by the signal victory scored at the first test of the Chamber's temper. The Government are undoubtedly justified in their claim that the weakness of the franc is unwarranted by the state of the public finances, which, thanks to the exertions of M. Bonnet, are now much stronger than for months and perhaps years past. But they acknowledge that labour difficulties created by the Socialist legislation of M. Blum must bear its share of responsibility for the stagnation of production and the growth of the adverse trade balance, and they do not flinch from proposing a modification of the most cherished of the enactments of the Front Populaire. Simultaneously, they appreciate the need for removing various factors which have militated against a restoration of confidence among the holders of capital. These include the fear of disturbances in consequence of labour unrest, of subversive agitation, and of governmental instability. On all of them the Government's statement is reassuring, and reassurance should be further fortified by the firm stand that is taken against any form of exchange control.

Of outstanding interest and importance is the Government's decision to introduce a plan to meet the labour problem. The character of the measures proposed has still to be disclosed; but apparently longer hours are to be admitted wherever necessary, on the understanding that they will be accompanied by increases in wage rates, and that employers improve the efficiency of their enterprises.

In retrospect it must now be evident even to its own authors that both the occasion and the manner of introducing the 40-

hour week in France were somewhat prejudicial to economic recovery unless they were prepared to go much further in fundamental modification of the economic system. Its precipitate enforcement imposed an impossible task of adjustment to the sudden rise in costs, which would have dislocated an industrial system far sounder and more prosperous than was the French.

The problem remains as to how long the Socialists and Communists will be content to watch the disappearance of the structure erected as a result of the formation of the Popular Front. Certainly the Chauteps programme goes far beyond the intentions of the Socialists when they proclaimed their "pause" and it is bound to disappoint the wide sections of Socialist, to say nothing of Communist, opinion which had been looking forward to a fresh drive in social legislation. Provided, however, that the Government can survive these potential threats to its stability, its proposals should exert a restorative influence both upon the fortunes of the franc and upon the French economic system generally.

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A Lover of Lickings

Yet another M.P. has been declining to take any part in the opposition to the birching of juvenile offenders by the police, and once more the refusal is based on the fact that he himself suffered corporal punishment at school and it "probably did me all the good in the world." Whether a caning at school bears very much relation to the distinctly grim business of the birching of a child by a constable is possibly a point that can be settled only by those who have experienced both forms of punishment; perhaps some legislator who is still proud to announce that he owes most of his mental and moral distinction to the steadfast application of the stick during his schooldays would be obliging enough to come forward and try a dose from a police birch so that he could speak with equal authority on both forms of assault.

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The Medicine as Before?

In any event, since schoolboy floggings seem to be with some people one of the fondest of childhood's recollections, it is curious that so few pine to have the good old days, and the excellent, improving process that went with them, brought back again. At what period does corporal punishment cease to be such a splendid moral tonic? If it acts so wonderfully in youth, is it not possible that it would resharpen the wits and strengthen the character in maturity, middle age, or even later? Why forgo the benefits of a medicine that once produced such excellent results? Think what an effect it would have on his constituents (or on the House) if an M.P. were able to announce, "Before coming here to address you this evening I arranged to have myself soundly caned by my butler—and, believe me, I feel twice the man I did." It would be a much more impressive tribute than any distant recollections derived from a "forty years on" standpoint.

SEARCHING QUESTIONS OF PRINCE KONOYE

Diet Members Seek Policy Behind Official Speech

STOCK PHRASES HELD UP TO RIDICULE

Tokyo, To-day.

The Premier, Prince Konoye, was kept extremely busy in the Diet yesterday answering a barrage of questions from Mr. Toshio Shimada, leader of the Seiyukai Party, respecting China. Mr. Shimada asked: "What are the Government's plans for the vast tract of land extending from North to Central China and covering more than half of China?"

"Why does the Government hesitate to declare war on China?"

"What has the Government done to assist the new regime in China?"

He declared it was ridiculous to hear the Government's stock phrase: "Japan has no territorial designs on China" on every possible occasion.

He demanded to know what the Government intended to do with the vast no man's land detached from the control of the Chiang Kai-shek administration.

WHO BUT JAPAN?

He said: "The Government may have no territorial designs but who controls this vast tract of land but Japan?"

Mr. Shimada asserted that there was an "absolute necessity of organising the new regime in China to manifest Japan's firm intention towards land now under her occupation."

Replying, the Premier said the Government not only refuses to have further dealings with the National administration but has also embarked on military and other operations to overthrow it.

HANDS NOT IN POCKET!

Japan "does not await the organisation of the new regime in China with her hands in her pockets."

The Government realised the necessity and an obligation to assist the new regime in China until it is firmly established.

The Premier added: "However, this never runs counter to preservation of Chinese sovereignty and territorial integrity."—Reuter.

NO POSSIBILITY

Mr. Hirota, replying to questions by Mr. Kawasaki, said: "There is absolutely no possibility whatever of any third power mediating between Japan and China."

"Japan is prepared to wait for a new administration to arise in China and negotiate with the latter for readjustment of relations, and this fact, we believe to be well understood by foreign countries."

Mr. Tsutsumi suggested that the Japanese Government should reject any such offer from the Chiang regime, unless the latter surrendered.

Prince Konoye's statement was made after Mr. Tsutsumi had enquired what attitude would be adopted should the Chiang regime reconsider its stand.

by abandoning armed resistance to Japan.

WAR DECLARATION

He also asked whether the Japanese Government intended to de-

clare war on China in order to prevent shipment of arms to China from abroad, whether the Government had made plans to control increases in commodity prices and whether the army intended to send to China more divisions now stationed in Japan.

Replying to the last question, the War Minister, General Sugiyama, said he was not at liberty to make a statement regarding transportation of further divisions to China, as the matter should be given study before an announcement could be issued.

Prince Konoye repeated the intention of maintaining the open door in China.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

He pointed out that foreign investments were "absolutely necessary" to promote utilisation of land values in China.

He said that as regards the phrase in the recent Japanese Government statement "cease relations with China," it means that Japan does not intend to deal with the National Government for adjustment of relations between the two countries.

"And I declare on this occasion that there is no possibility of Japan negotiating with the National Government for settlement of the Incident."

MISUNDERSTANDING

Replying to interpellations from Mr. Kawasaki, of the Minseitō Party, the Premier declared: "We have often announced that Japan respects the rights and interests of foreign countries in China."

"There has until to-day been much misunderstanding on the part of foreign powers regarding the position and policies of our country in the Far East."

"Japan has not the slightest intention of conquering China and closing the door to China to foreign countries."

"Access by foreign powers to interests in China should be kept open, and I feel that foreign investments are absolutely necessary to promote utilisation of land in China."

KONOYE'S "IF"

Answering another question, the Premier said that if the Chiang Kai-shek regime were to survive, it would have to become subject to a new Chinese Government.

He stated that Japan may still

CHILDREN IN DANUBE TRAGEDY

Bucharest, To-day.

Twenty-two schoolchildren and a teacher accompanying them, are reported to have been drowned when the motorboat in which they were making an outing on the Danube, capsized and sank yesterday.

Seventeen bodies have been recovered so far.

Cause of the disaster, which has spread sorrow throughout Rumania, is still unknown. — Trans-Ocean.

declare war on China if the necessity arises, and added that Japan is not idly hoping, with her hands in her pockets, for formation of a North China regime, but she "felt the necessity and responsibility" to act as foster-parent until such an administration is firmly established. — Reuter.

ALLEGED MUTINY IN WEIHAIWEI

Shanghai, To-day.

According to unconfirmed Japanese reports from Tsingtao, Chinese marines stationed at Weihaiwei mutinied on Friday.

No details of the alleged mutiny have hitherto been received. — Reuter.

FRESH TROOPS FOR LUNGHAI OFFENSIVE

Hankow, To-day.

Sunday brought a lull in the fierce battle which had been raging throughout Friday and Saturday in the area south of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

Both sides have suffered very heavy losses, but the Chinese are still holding their positions south of Linghaiwan.

Fresh Japanese troops, including cavalry and mechanised units, have arrived in the battle zone, indicating Japanese plans for a fresh advance on Tsining.

At the same time the Japanese are consolidating their positions.

Japanese planes yesterday bombed the Lunghai Railway. Damage is said to have been considerable. — Trans-Ocean.

AIR RAID IN SEVILLE

Paris, To-day.

Eleven children, three women and ten men were killed in a Government air raid on Seville, according to an insurgent broadcast from Seville.

A Salamanca message says that casualties in the raid are officially given as seven dead and 20 wounded. — Reuter.



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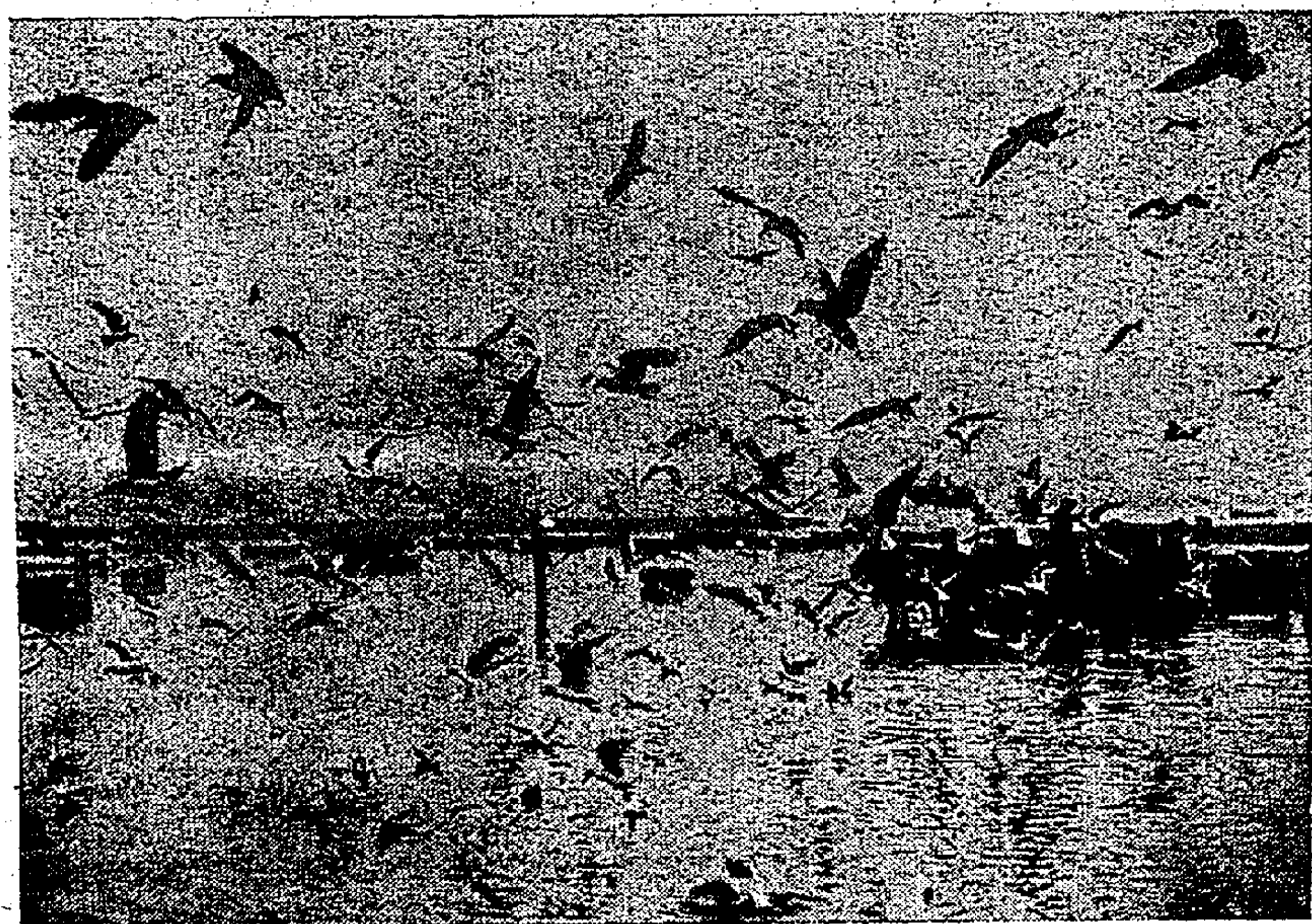
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JAPANESE MARCH ON

Chinese Guerilla Activities Causing Difficulties

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese march on Hankow, originally planned within the general framework of military operations, has been provisionally postponed, according to Japanese circles in Shanghai.

On the other hand, it is stressed that the Japanese are "unflinchingly determined" to carry out their intention of occupying the important railway junction of Hsuehchow, at the crossing of the Lunghai and Tientsin-Pukow Railways.

Japanese circles add that a march on Hankow would be hindered by the difficulty of adequately protecting the line of communications in rear of the advancing army and of clearing already occupied territory of Chinese guerilla detachments.

At the same time, it is believed in Japanese circles that once political reorganisation of Central China has been completed, a march on Hankow would be rendered superfluous.

PRAGUE OPENS NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCO

Prague, To-day.

Negotiations have been opened with General Franco by the Czecho-Slovak Government, says a Prague newspaper, which says that Prague desires to be represented in insurgent Spain in similar manner to Great Britain.

The Czech Government, according to the paper, would like to appoint an Agent to whom protection of Czech economic interests would be entrusted, and the name of Dr. Berka, an expert on Spain, is put forward in this connexion.

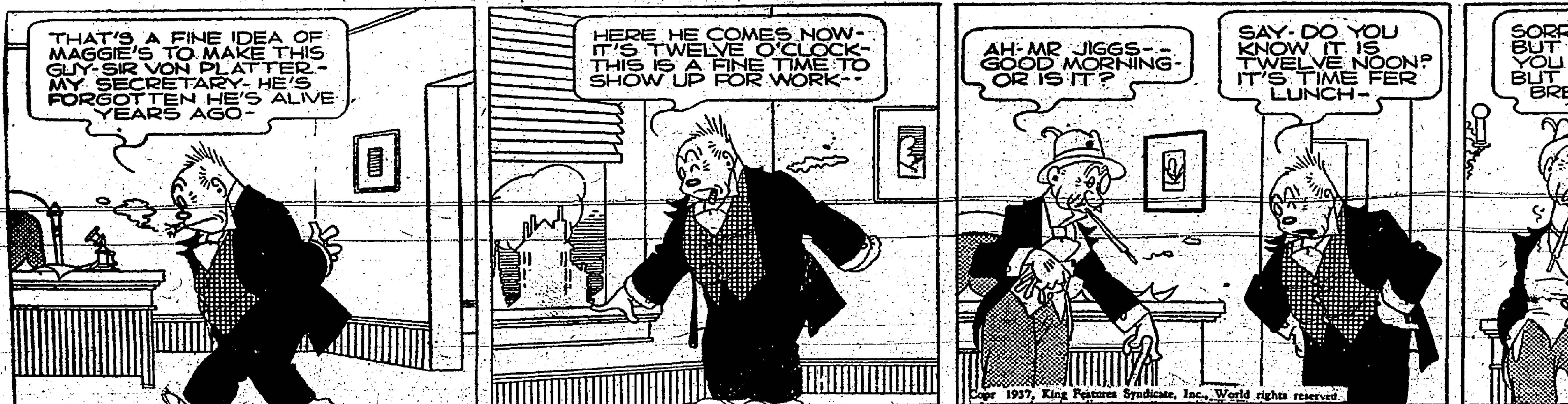
The paper says that although negotiations have not yet been concluded, there is little doubt that Dr. Berka will be appointed. — Trans-Ocean.

SOUTH CHINA POSITION

Informed quarters in Shanghai believe that postponement of the projected Japanese attack on Canton is attributable to the recent Anglo-Japanese pourparlers following the incidents on the Yangtse when the Japanese opened fire on British gunboats.

The impression prevails here that both countries are anxious to avoid political complications which might have been inevitable in the event of an attack on Canton from the sea, and that the Japanese Government has given an undertaking to carefully respect British interests in South China.—
Trans-Ocean.

By George McManus



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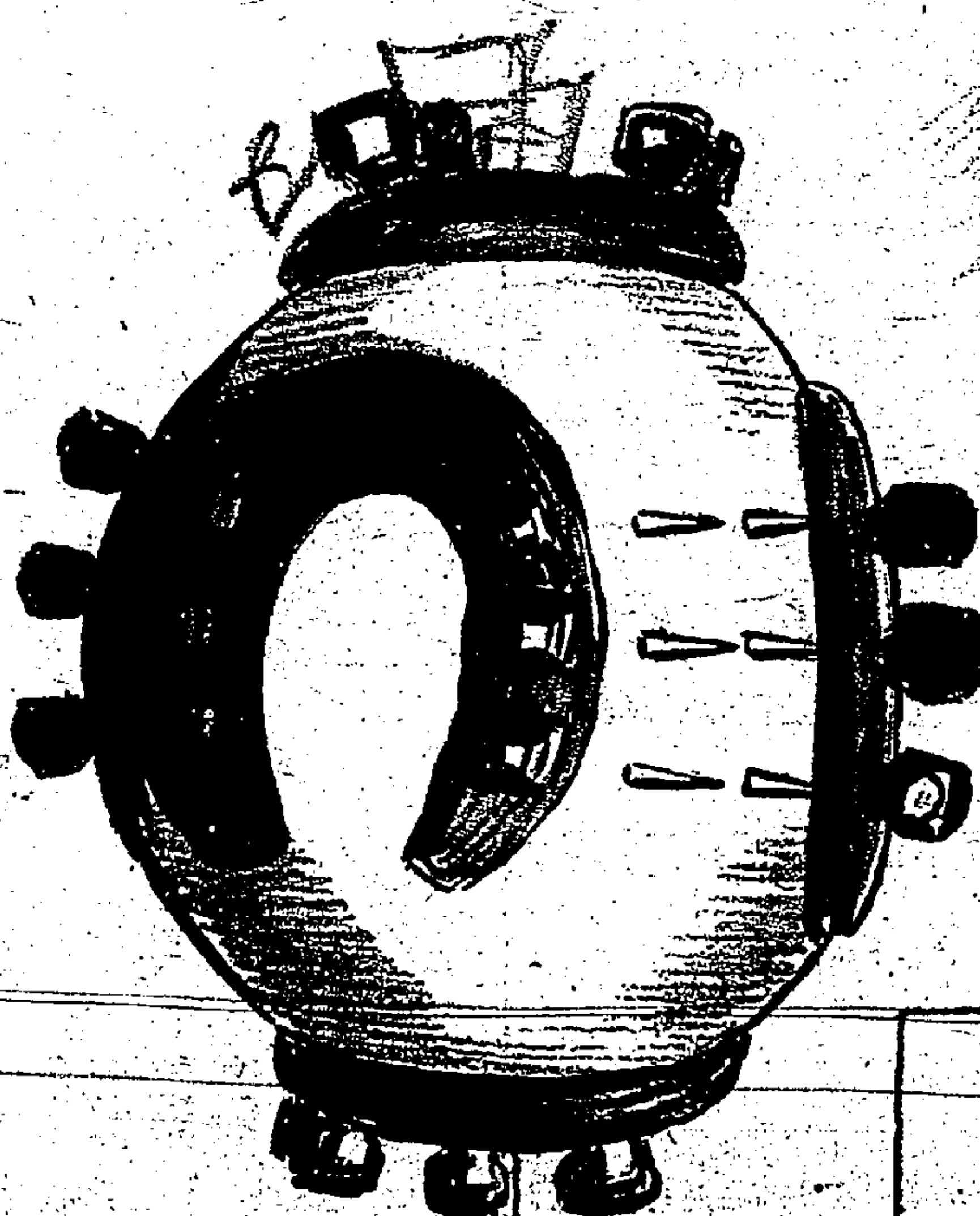
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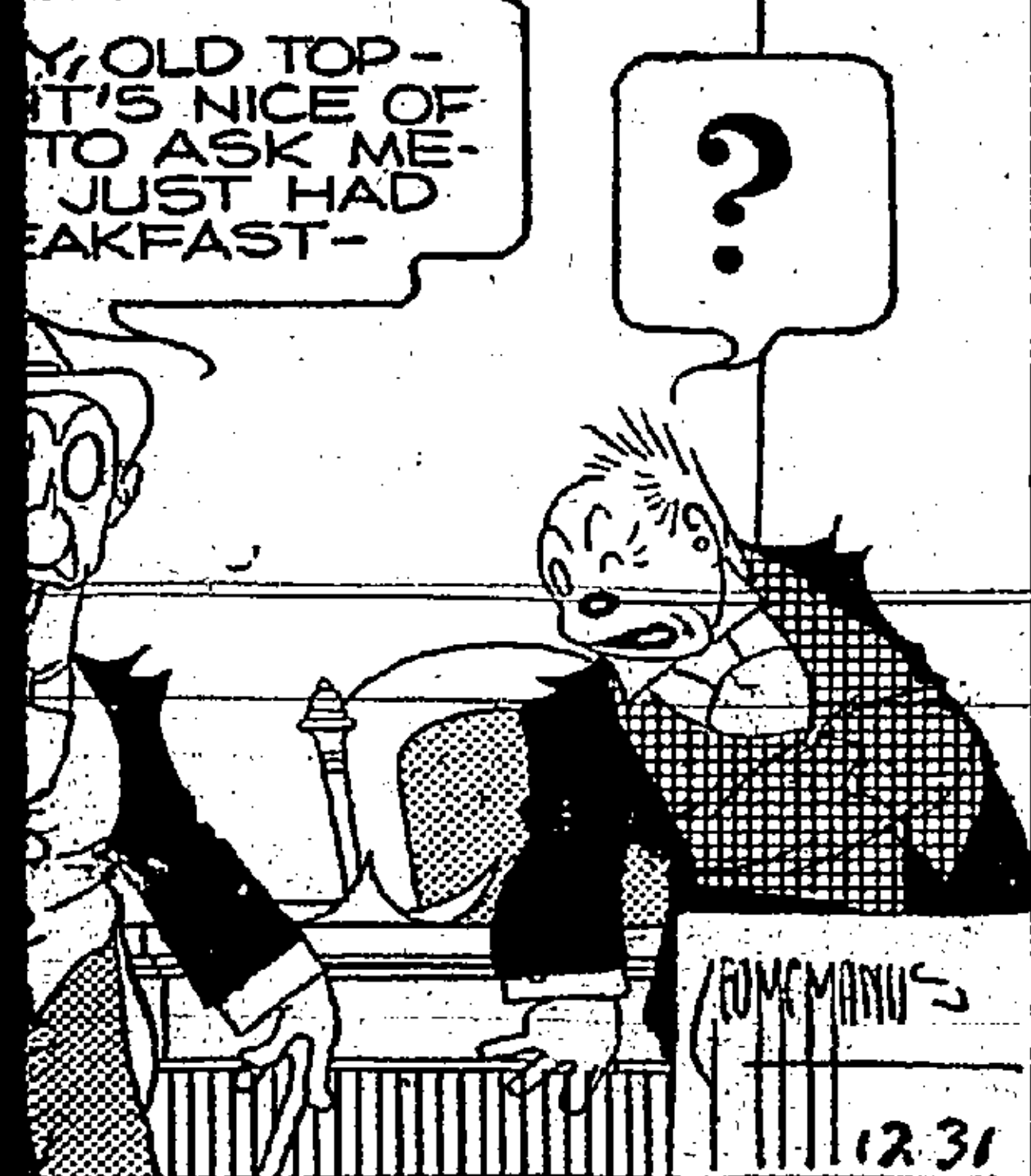
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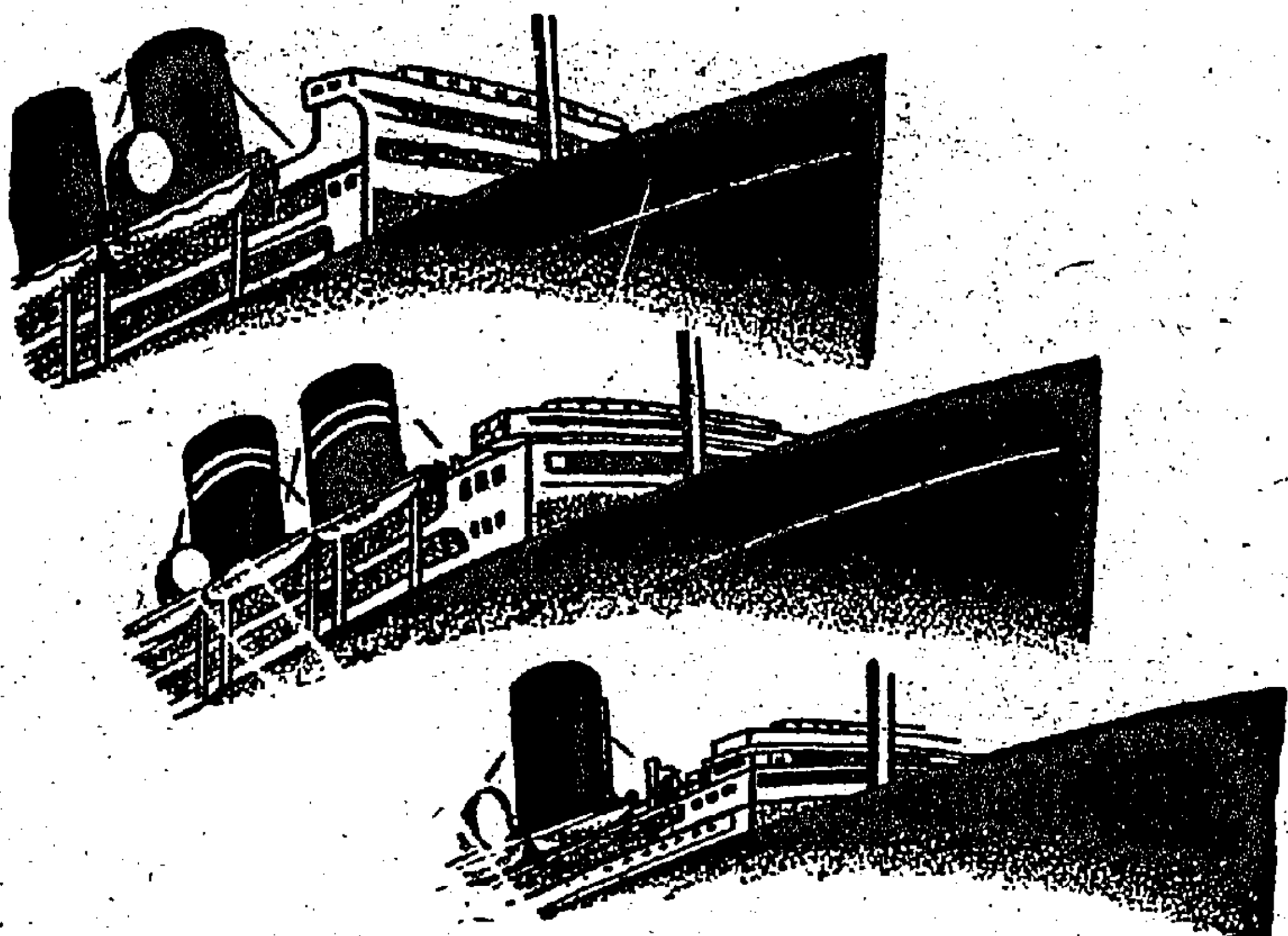
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 15th Jan. ..	Imperial Airways Plane	January 24.
Japan	Memnon	January 25.
Shanghai	Glenbeg	January 25.
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U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle, date 1st January) ..	Pres. Jefferson	January 26.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuensang	January 27.
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Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date 8th January) ..	Emp. of Asia	January 27.

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Monday		
Kongmoon & Pakhoi (via Kongmoon) ..	Eurasia Plane	Sat., Jan. 24.
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Amoy	Taiyuan	Jan. 24, 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles 6th Feb. ..	Andre Lebon	Mon., Jan. 24.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd Feb. ..	Andre Lebon	Mon., Jan. 24.
Air Mail for Chungking by the C.N.A.C. Plane "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service." ..	C.N.A.C. Plane	Tues., Jan. 25.
Tuesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongning	Tues., Jan. 25, 8.15 a.m.
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya ..	Tjinegara	Tues., Jan. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon) ..	On Lee	Tues., Jan. 25, 11 a.m.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam 3rd February ..	Memnon	Tues., Jan. 25.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 23rd February and London Parcels—due London 2nd March ..	Memnon	Tues., Jan. 25.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	Tues., Jan. 25, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tues., Jan. 25, 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. Emp. of Russia ..	Emp. of Russia	Tues., Jan. 25.
and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 12th Feb. and *Europe via Siberia ..	Parcels	Jan. 25, 4 p.m.
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KOTOHIRA MARU	Friday,	4th Feb.
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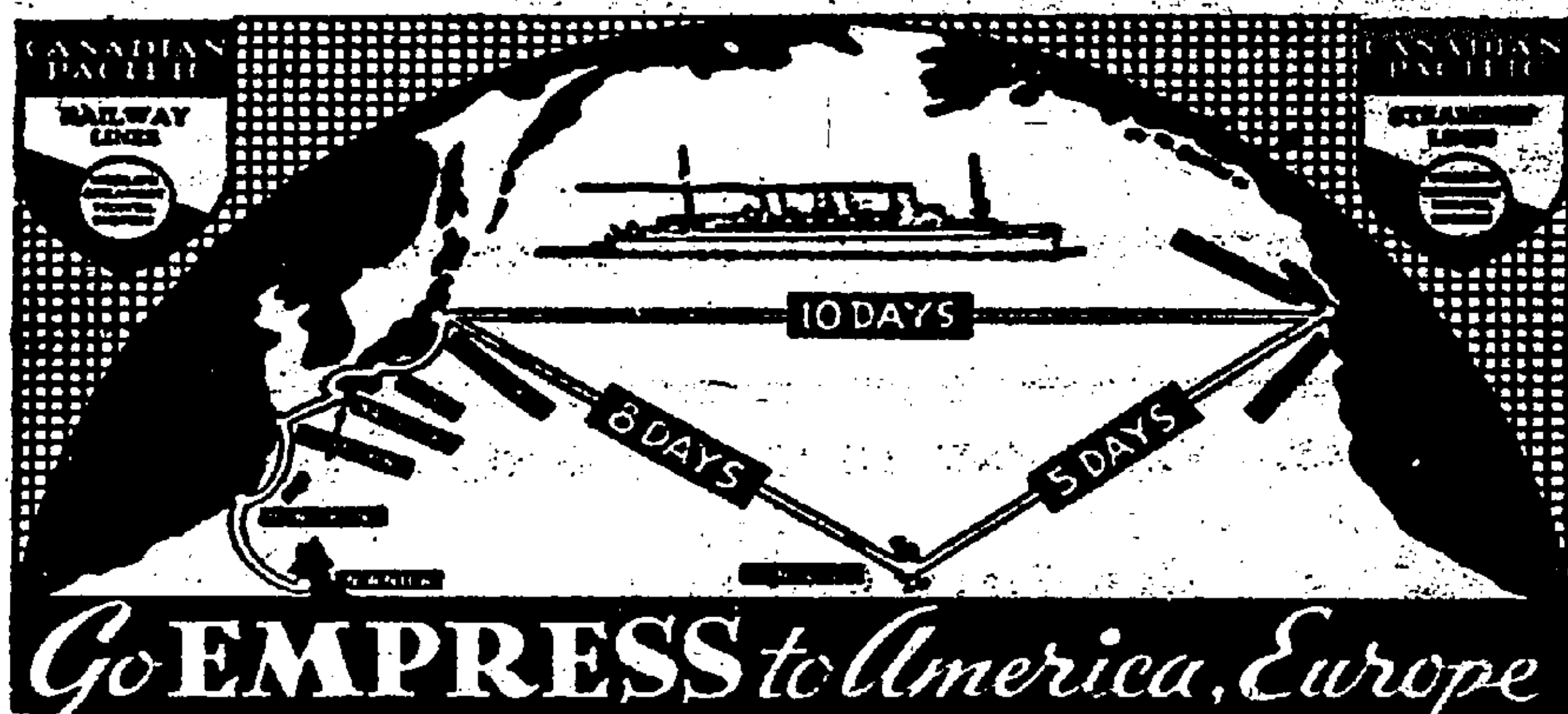
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MR. KAYA TAKES JAPANESE OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF FINANCE S'HAJ ORDER RESENTED

Tokyo, To-day.

Surveying Japan's financial situation in the opening session of Parliament on Saturday, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Kaya, asserted that Japanese economy and finance have in no way been affected by the hostilities in China so far and are not likely to be endangered by the conflict in the future.

Mr. Kaya declared that the Japanese Government is determined to maintain the present rate of exchange, to meet Japan's international obligations and to take all measures which are necessary for the promotion of export. The Japanese Government would, however, adopt its financial policy to meet the requirements of a conflict of long duration. It would, therefore, be necessary to finance military requirements by economic measures.

Current expenditures provided by the ordinary budget had been reduced by 76,000,000 yen while revenues of the ordinary budget had been curtailed by 40,000,000 yen. The cost of carrying on the hostilities would be met from the extraordinary budget which would be submitted to Parliament at a later date.—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

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China Lights (Old) \$10½ b., \$10½ sa.

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H. K. Electrics \$53¼ b.
Telephones (Old) \$25.80 b., \$25.70/- 85 sa.

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LOCAL DOLLAR

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"Spot" silver was quoted in London on Saturday at 20 and forward at 19-13/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.9985 and the New York on London rate \$—U.S.\$4.99%.

Shanghai, To-day.

Although the Japanese claim that military operations have led to complete pacification of the Pootung area, reports are still coming in from reliable sources of effective harassing of Japanese communications by large bands of Chinese guerillas.

Furthermore, widespread resentment has been aroused by Japanese prohibition of all movements of cargo from areas north of Soochow Creek, Hongkew, Wayside, Yangtsepoo and Chapei.

No goods of any description are allowed to be taken out of this area at present, regardless of previously issued passes.

ALLEGED SMUGGLING

The Japanese contend the order is necessary because of the action of foreigners in engaging in contraband trade in this area.

The order extends to a ban on the removal of any goods within the proscribed area. Coal is one of the items held up.

The British-owned Broadway Mansions, the huge apartment building across Garden Bridge, may have to close owing to lack of coal, although the proprietors have large stocks lying idle in Yangtsepoo and Pootung.

There has been a large influx of Japanese troops into Hongkew and Yangtsepoo of late.

They are believed to be destined for the Nanking-Wuhu region for combatting Chinese guerilla bands in those parts.

It is believed that the order prohibiting movements of goods may be connected with this movement of troops.—Trans-Ocean.

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Local estate, sworn under \$59,000, was left by the late Mr. Solomon David Sassoon, who died at Bombay on March 18, 1894, intestate.

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Paris, To-day.

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One of these heights is held by the insurgents, the other, Santa Barbara, by the Republicans, and General Franco's forces are now making intense efforts to capture the latter.

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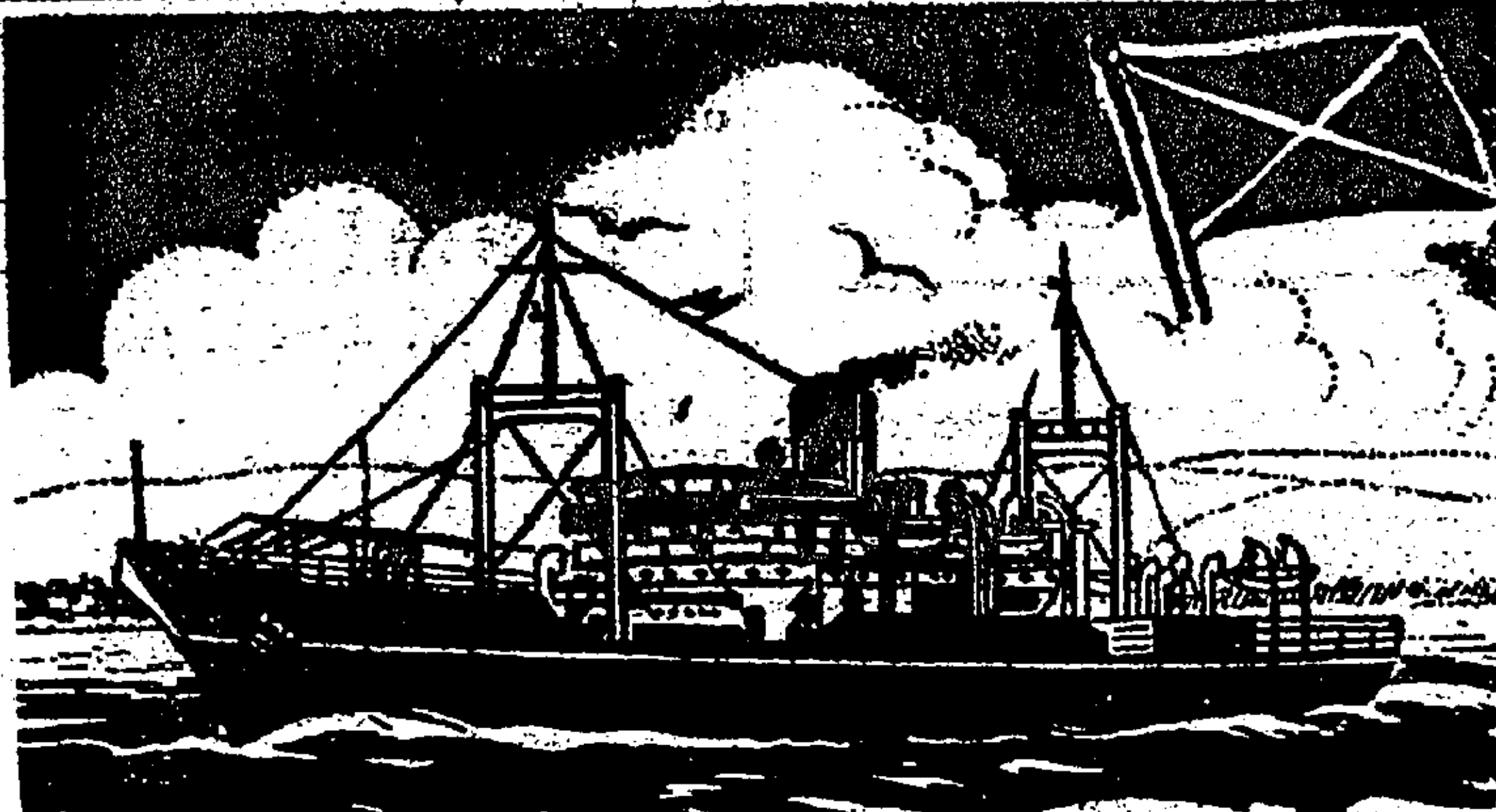
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The victorious La Salle College soccer eleven, above, defeated St. Joseph's College by 2 clear goals in a thrilling encounter at Causeway Bay, in the final of the Hong Kong Boys' Amateur Football League. ("Mail" photo).

THRILLING FINISH TO WHOLE-DAY CRICKET GAME

Volunteers Beat Police By One Run

All the elements of a perfect finish were present when the last over of the day was called in the Volunteer-Police cricket match played all-day at the Valley yesterday.

Police required three runs to tie and four to win with their last man in. Hunter who had just reached his 50, cut the first ball hard but Anderson fielded it nicely and only a single was secured. Weir played the next two balls and off the third, Hunter called a sharp bye.

With two balls with which to accomplish his task, Hunter attempted a terrific hit off the next ball and swept it round to short leg where Ainslie brought off an unexpected catch to give the Volunteers victory by one run.

VOLUNTEERS

D. J. N. Anderson, c and b Pope	35
K. M. Baxter, b Pope	23
N. A. E. Mackay, c Loughlin, b Baker	61
G. Souza, c Loughlin, b Danbrowsky	5
R. H. Griffith, c F. Booker, b Carey	20
E. C. Fincher, not out	39
T. A. Madar, c Loughlin, b Baker	2
W. L. McKenzie, c Pope, b Baker	4
G. Ainslie, run out	1
W. Stoker, not out	0
E. A. R. Alves, absent	19
Extras	1

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 214

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pope	14	1	57	2
Baker	17	0	66	3
Carey	4	0	17	1
Danbrowsky	4	0	30	1
N. Booker	2	0	16	0
F. Booker	2	0	8	0

POLICE

A. E. Carey, b Stoker	44
N. Booker, c Madar, b McKenzie	28
T. Hunter, c Ainslie, b Stoker	53
P. H. Loughlin, c Griffith, b Madar	27
C. Pope, b Madar	1
F. E. Booker, c Madar, b Griffith	9
T. H. King, c Baxter, b Madar	13
H. Danbrowsky, b Stoker	4
B. G. Baker, b Stoker	0
J. Shepherd, b Souza	0
J. Weir, not out	21
Extras	21

Total 218

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Souza	17	1	66	1
Anderson	0	0	46	0
Stoker	16	6	32	4
McKenzie	5	0	22	1
Madar	4	0	12	3
Griffith	3	0	14	1

ST. JOSEPH'S DEFEATED BY EASTERN

LEE TAK-KEE SCORES FOUR

Fielding a weak side, St. Joseph's were defeated by Eastern Athletic Association by 4 goals to 2, in their postponed First Division League football encounter, at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Hussain and Costa, who were injured the previous day, were absentees and their places were taken by Bowen and A. Alves, and they proved too slow for the Eastern forwards.

C. Remedios gave a good display in the pivotal position, while Macintosh did well at right-half.

Ward and Gomes were outstanding in the Saints forward line, but D. Leonard was badly subdued by Yuen Shue, and could do nothing. After missing a penalty-kick, he was listless and poor in his distribution.

The Saints took the lead in the first half through Gomes, and shortly after D. Leonard failed with the "spot" kick. Within a few minutes Lee Tak-kee scored two quick goals and after the interval added another two.

Castilho netted the other goal for the Saints.

EASTERN TROUTONED IN 2ND DIVISION

WONG MEI SHUN'S COMEBACK

South China had an easy task in the Second Division yesterday when they secured a seven clear goals victory over Eastern, at Causeway Bay.

South China fielded a strong XI that included Wong Mee-shun, former 'A' team star, who is just resuming activities on the termination of a long period of suspension. He gave a sound display, as leader of the attack, and had the satisfaction of finding the net twice.

Wong Mee-shun, Li Ping-leung and Chow Wing-hong netted before the interval, and in the second period, goals were added by Wong Mee-shun, Chow Wing-hong (2) and Cheng Shing.

K.I.T.C. DEFEATED BY ODD GOAL IN VERY FAST ENCOUNTER

RAMZAN'S FINE DISPLAY IN LOSER'S GOAL

WINNERS' WINGERS IN LIMELIGHT

(By "STICKS")

A thrilling hockey match was witnessed at King's Park yesterday, when the Rajputana Rifles (Army Champions) beat the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club (Civilian Champions) by 2 goals to 1 in the final of the Inter-Section Tournament, the game being marred in the second half by over-eagerness in tackling on the part of several of the winning team, resulting in frayed tempers and a caution to members of both teams.

The game was played at a terrific pace and the Rajputana Rifles were seen at their best, intricate stick-work and passing among the forwards and powerful clearances from the defence, featuring the game. The Kowloon Indians looked every bit like winners during the first 10 minutes of the game when they all but swamped their opponents, Pyara Singh netting a fine goal, but thereafter the Rajput Rifles came back with a vengeance and enjoyed most of the play.

The Regimental half-back and full-back lines were in splendid fettle, although their right-back and centre-half should have been warned for dangerous play on several occasions during the second half, shoulder charging and obstruction being rife during this period. The game, however, was a trifle too fast for the Umpires to keep perfect control of, and as it was, their task yesterday was a very difficult one.

Although Pritam Nath and Savai Khan did not score, they played a major part in the Rajputs' victory, continually harassing their opponents' intermediate and full-back lines with splendid sallies.

RAMZAN SHINES

Although he conceded the winning goal late in the second half, Ramzan gave a magnificent exhibition between the sticks for the Kowloon Indians and undoubtedly saved them from a greater defeat. His anticipation was good, while he rarely left his charge at an inopportune moment.

Where the Kowloon Indians fell down badly was in their defence and intermediate lines. Their two full-backs were very erratic and seemed over-awed by the occasion. Attar Singh was very nonchalant in his clearances during several stages of the game, and this gave the Rajput forwards an opportunity of keeping their opponents hemmed in their own half.

NORONHA'S WEAKNESS

J. M. Pinto, in the K.I.T.C. centre-half berth, gave a rousing display, but found the opposing inside-forwards a little more than he had bargained for and with very little help coming from the right-half position, filled by Noronha, he was made to carry two players' burdens. Malik played great game at left-half and was responsible more than anybody in breaking up the dangerous Pritam Nath-Savai Khan partnership.

The K.I.T.C. forwards were very ragged. Both wingers were helpless



and made little effort to get the ball into the circle, while A. P. Souza and C. Pinto gave Pyara Singh little or no assistance during the second half when the latter broke away on several occasions only to find himself unsupported.

WINGERS SHINE

The Rajput defence were good, although dangerous in their clearances at times. Their most improved players yesterday were their two wingers, who displayed a fine turn of speed and who concentrated mainly on getting the ball to their inside-forwards, providing an object lesson to other wingers.

The K.I.T.C. scored first through Pyara Singh, but Datta Ram equalised soon after from a short-corner but it was not until late in the second half that the Rajputs' left-winger, N. Ram scored the winning goal with a drive from an oblique angle, after Ramzan had beaten off several dangerous raids.



SOFTBALL LEAGUE SEASON ENDS

EMMA GEES AND C.B.A. TO SHARE THE CELLAR POSITION

OFFICIAL RULES GAME LONG DRAWNOUT AFFAIR

(By "SHORTSTOP")

THE Canadian Chinese Club made sure of third place in the Softball League when they defeated the H.K. Baseball Club in their last encounter of the season yesterday, by the large margin of 12 runs to 3.

The Baseballers again had a few men short and two non-members of the Club were admitted to augment the side. Hickman, the newest member of the Baseball Club, made the best showing since his appearance on the diamond, and with consistent practice will be a valuable player with his powerful swing.

In the second game of their "double-header," the Baseballers just managed to defeat the Central Britishers by 14 runs to 11. This is the first time in the Colony that a League game has been played under official Spalding's rules, with 60 foot bases, etc.

It was a rather long drawn-out affair, with the C.B.A., switching three hurlers, and giving away tickets to first with undue regularity.

MOST IMPROVED SQUAD

The C.B.A., squad has shown the most improvement among the beginners of the game, and they wind up in a tie with the Machine Gunners by the latter defaulting their last two games.

This was made imperative as the Volunteers could not be in town for their last scheduled games and also because of the fact that the International Series are to begin next Sunday.

NOSED OUT

In a ding-dong battle that lasted fourteen innings the Forum nosed out the Filipino Club by one run, the score being 8-7. The tie-up came in the seventh when the score stood at 7-7 and neither side made a run until the fourteenth.

With the ending of the local Softball season, it is to be hoped that other Clubs will enter in the League next fall.

Softball has kept a large number of young people interested in a ball game, and it is very likely

that at least two additional teams will be entered in the local Baseball League because of the interest maintained in softball. The popularity of softball is not to be gainsaid, but if its chief attraction is its inexpensiveness, then baseball fans need have no worry over the idea that softball may replace baseball in popularity here, or anywhere else, for that matter.

STRONG POLICE ELEVEN FAIL TO BEAT SAPPERS

Although the Police fielded a very strong side for their Third Division encounter with the European Engineers, on the Club ground yesterday, Sappers secured both points by the odd goal in three.

The Police had many opportunities of increasing their lead after the interval, but weak shooting by Gunning who missed at least three open goals, nullified their splendid approach movements.

Pelham scored twice for the Sappers, Tibbs heading into his own net to score the only goal for the Police.



Sig. Dove, above, plays hockey for both the Royal Corps of Signals and the European Y.M.C.A., in goal, and has so far had a fairly successful season.

CECILIA COLLEDGE HOLDS TITLE

St. Moritz, To-day.
The European women's figure skating championship was again won by Miss Cecilia Colledge of England yesterday.

Miss Megan Taylor, another English girl, came second, an Austrian girl was third and a German fourth.—Trans-Ocean.

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON PROGRAMME

With three teams tied for first place, the "A" Division of the Men's Badminton League has reached a very interesting stage.

All three leaders, Recreio "A", Chinese Y.M.C.A. and University "A", are down to play this evening.

The following is to-night's League Badminton programme:

St. Andrew's	v	University "A"
Recreio "A"	v	Recreio "B"
Chinese "Y"	v	King's College

E. OF JAPAN TROUNCE FILIPINOS

Softball Clash On Saturday

CANADA MAY PLAY IN INTERNATIONAL SERIES

(By "SHORTSTOP")

On the Kowloon Football Club ground, on Saturday afternoon, the Softball nine from the Empress of Japan, which is tied up at dock at present, defeated the local Filipino contingent by the overwhelming score of (about) 40 runs, to 6!

The Empress boys led by lanky "Slim" Black, of the Stewards Department, caught for the victors in a masterful manner, and it could be easily seen that he knew his baseball. The Canadian boys took the lead from the start and never let it out of their sight.

Emil Porter, who is manager-in-chief of the Filipino team, in the International Softball Series, led the boys from the Islands, but he didn't have a chance with their opponents.

The ships' boys have always played softball according to official rules, while the local lads have only played what the Chinese vernacular press calls, "outdoor indoor baseball," which is more truth than poetry.

In connection with the International Series, there is a matter with which the Committee of the local League might take up, and that is that Canada should have a chance at the Shield. It might not be too late even at this date to allow for an extra entry.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR MISS RAGNHILD HVEGER

Aarhus, To-day.

Miss Ragnhild Hveger, the sensational World Olympic swimmer, who has shattered practically every existing record among the women, added yet another triumph yesterday to her long list, when she covered the 300 metres free-style in 3 mins. 46' 9-10 secs., breaking the former record held by Miss Willy den Ouden, of Holland, by 11 1-10 secs!

MACAU HOCKEY CLUB BEAT DEPLETED "Y" TEAM

Fielding a depleted team, the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday lost to Macau Hockey Club, in their return encounter, by 3 goals to 1 after the home team had led at the interval by an only goal.

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THEY SAY:—Other People's Views

Glasgow, December 18. When I was training to meet Benny Lynch, and during the fight, my right hand was very painful. I could not punch properly. Now I feel I could knock a wall down with it.—Peter Kane.

One team which has impressed me as having distinctly good Cup prospects is Leeds United. They are fast, play a good type of football, and can fight back when necessary. There is a blend of youth and experience in the team, and an excellent spirit of comradeship which means a lot in a Cup fight.—A. G. Shrive.

That the diehards should watch cricket is natural, for only a dead crowd could look on at such a slow,

dead game as cricket. . . by the way, that explains why cricket never caught on in Scotland; the Scots were too much alive to tolerate it. Football, even paid football, is never a dead game.—A. S. Neill, the well-known educationist.

Looking back on the past few months, I am afraid the ancient and unfair system of spinning out a football game by deliberate time-wasting is still with us. . . and it is a matter which calls for swift attention.—Geoffrey Simpson.

When bouquets are being handed out at Tynecastle, the knowing critics do not forget Trainer George McGrae, one of the greatest long-distance runners in history. There can be no doubt that



Hearts' stamina has shown a tremendous improvement, and that the lads are full of running when the other fellows would rejoice to call it a day. George may father our lads at Wembley. . . if the English big-wigs are kind enough to let poor old Scotland play on that sacred sward again!—John Hampden.

I have never felt better in my life and I must be for this fight. I always believe I can win, but I remember that Braddock knocked down Joe Louis twice and I realise that unless I am perfectly fit I am heading for disaster.—Tommy Farr.

HYAMS CHALLENGES McAVOY

Jack Hyams (Stepney) has recovered from the eye injury which caused him to retire in his recent fight with Jock McAvoy for the British middleweight championship, and has issued a challenge to McAvoy for a return fight for the championship and £250 a-side.

Arsenal are expected to buy, not to sell. Everybody in soccer thinks we should be buying and not selling. Such is tradition. Why should I buy. For long enough we have been referred to as the Bank of England in the buying and selling of players. I have just parted with Milne and football followers are amazed. Why? Arsenal can afford to sell players at this moment.—George Allison.

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ARSENAL'S CUP FEAT

THROSTLES LOSE
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HEARTS OUT OF
SCOTTISH CUP

London, Saturday.

The following were the results of Home football matches played last Saturday.

F.A. CUP (FOURTH ROUND)

Preston	2	Leicester	0
Luton	2	Swindon	1
Huddersfield	1	Notts C.	0
Notts F.	1	Middlesbro.	3
York	3	West Brom.	2
Brentford	2	Portsmouth	1
Charlton	2	Leeds	1
Wolves	1	Arsenal	2
Aston Villa	4	Blackpool	0
Sheff. U.	1	Liverpool	1
New Brighton	0	Tottenham	0
Everton	0	Sunderland	1
Chesterfield	3	Burnley	2
Bradford	1	Stoke	1
Manchester C.	3	Bury	1
Barnsley	2	M'chester U.	2

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham	1	Chelsea	1
Bolton	0	Derby	2

SECOND DIVISION

Coventry	2	Southampton	0
Fulham	8	Swansea	1
Wednesday	1	Norwich	0
West Ham	1	Stockport	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	5	Newport	0
Bournemouth	0	Brighton	0
Bristol R.	2	Torquay	0
Cardiff	2	Queen's P.R.	2
Exeter	1	Watford	2
Gillingham	0	Mansfield	0
Northampton	2	Clapton	0
Reading	3	Crystal P.	2
Walsall	1	Southend	5

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barrow	2	Oldham	1
Bradford C.	3	Rotherham	2
Crewe	2	Darlington	2
Halifax	0	Carlisle	0
Lincoln	2	Hull	1
Port Vale	1	Doncaster	1
Southport	2	Rochdale	0
Tranmere	5	Accrington	0
Wrexham	0	Gateshead	0

SCOTTISH CUP

Clyde	1	Motherwell	4
Raith	1	Montrose	0
Queen's Park	2	Galston	0
Falkirk	6	Dalbeattie Star	0
Cowdenbeath	4	Brechin	1
Churnside	2	Ross County	3
Penicuik	1	King's Park	3
Athletic	1	Hamilton	4
Boness	0	Dumbarton	0
Kilmarnock	6	Celtic	2
Third Lanark	1	Partick	2
Stranraer	2	St. Mirren	1
Dunfermline	0	Peterhead	0
Morton	4	Arbroath	1
St. Johnstone	1	Dundee	2
Albion	4	East Stirling	1
Ayr	4	Heart's	1
Dundee United	3	Babcock And	1
Stenhousemuir	3	Willcox	1
Queen of South	4	Leith	2
Moor Park	2	Lambert	5
Amateurs	2	Edinburgh C.	3
Hibernian	2	Aberdeen	6
Elgin C.	1	Blairgowrie	4
Forfar	7		



CAPTAIN'S CUP GOLF

Draw For 1st Round
Of K.G.C. Event

In the final stage of the Kowloon Golf Club Captain's Cup competition H. F. Westlake and T. D. Paton qualified over the week-end with the respective net scores of 72 and 76.

The draw for the First Round, to be completed on or before February 1, is as follows:—

T. Henderson v G. C. Moss;
F. C. Barry v R. M. Wheatcroft;
W. A. Stewart v H. F. Westlake;
E. C. Fincher v B. Baste;
T. D. Paton v A. A. Lopes;
J. F. Smedley v J. D. Thomson;
E. Christensen v W. Kershaw;
E. F. Fincher v C. C. Anderson.



ANNUAL K.C.C. WINTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Latest Results

The following are the latest results in the Kowloon Cricket Club annual winter lawn tennis tournament:

LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP

Semi-Final Round
Mrs. G. C. Burnett and Miss Nash (—15.3/6) beat Mrs. T. A. Madar and Mrs. Marks (—15) 9—7, 6—3.
Mrs. Crabb and Mrs. Smeby (scr.) beat Mrs. E. C. Fincher and Mrs. M. White (scr.) 6—1, 5—7, 6—1.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

Third Round
J. S. Smith and Mrs. Sweeny (—15) beat G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Crabb (—15.3/6) 6—4, 6—4.
G. A. White and Mrs. Burnett (—15.3/6) beat Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fincher (—30) 6—3, 6—4.

MEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP

Semi-Final Round
L. Jack and R. S. Capell (—15) beat H. Crabb and G. C. Burnett (—30) 6—3, 6—3.



Alloa	1	Rangers	6
St. Bernards	1	Vale Of	

Huntley	0	Nithsdale	0
Airdrie	1	East Fife	2

The Edinburgh-Hibernian result is given as cabled, although the draw gave Edinburgh City as the home team.

—Reuter.

20TH BTY. BEAT SIGNALS IN 3RD DIVISION

What promised to be a close match turned out to be rather one-sided, when 20th Bty. R.A., netted four goals without reply from the Royal Corps of Signals.

The Gunners scored twice in the first half through Cross and McAndrew, and after the change McAndrew charged the keeper into the net to register the third goal, and then added the fourth.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

GOVERNOR'S CUP COMPETITION

CHINESE FEDERATION ... 2	H. K. F. ASSOCIATION ... 1
Chan Tak-fat, Yeung Shu-yick.	Leung Wing-chiu (own goal)

SECOND DIVISION

CHINESE ENGINEERS ... 4	CLUB ... 7
Chan Cheung-yin 3, Lai Wai-lam.	Scott 3, Wilson 2, Hynes, Duncan.
SEAFORTHS ... 1	KWONG WAH ... 1
McNeill.	Chin Chi-fun.
ENGINEERS (E) ... 3	KOWLOON ... 3
Land 2, Dudderidge.	Drossel 3.
SOUTH CHINA ... 1	5TH A. A. BDE. R. A. ... 3
Lau Fook-chuen.	Smith 2, Lawton.
CHINESE POLICE ... 4	EASTERN ... 2
Mak Yok-fat 2, Mok Hon-fan, Lee Lam.	Tsang Wai-cho, Yeung Pun-wang.

THIRD DIVISION (HONG KONG)

POWHATTAN ... 0	ORDNANCE ... 10
5TH A. A. BDE. R. A. ... 0	MEDICALS ... 9
ENGINEERS ... 2	POLICE ... 0
Lewis, Pelham.	

THIRD DIVISION (KOWLOON)

20TH BTY. R. A. ... 3	UNIVERSITY ... 0
McAndrew 2, Marshall.	
SEAFORTHS ... 2	KUMAON RIFLES ... 3
Collier, Aiken.	Kushna Singh 2, Dewar Singh.
SIGNALS ... 0	PORTUGUESE S. A. ... 2
	Campos, C. Santos.

HONG KONG BOYS' AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE	
LA SALLE ... 2	ST. JOSEPH'S ... 0
R. Cruz 2.	

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION

EASTERN ... 4	ST. JOSEPH'S ... 2
Lee Tak Kee (4)	Gomes, Ward
P.S.A. ... 2	R.A.F. ... 0
Pereira, C. Santos	Cross (2) McAndrew

P.S.A. TOO GOOD FOR THE AIR FORCE

At King's Park the Portuguese Sporting Association easily defeated R.A.F. by two clear goals.

The Portuguese defence was

rock-like and never permitted the Air Force forwards to come within scoring distance.

Pereira Santos and Aquino combined cleverly on the left wing. R.A.F. were best served by Holohan and Kennedy.

The Portuguese scored through Pereira and Santos.

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12.30 p.m.—Studio. Some Piano Compositions of MacDowell, in commemoration of this Composer, Jan. 24th being the anniversary of his death. (A. T. Lay).
12.50 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
Molly on the Shore.
Shepherd's Hey (Grainger).
Royal Opera Orchestra of Covent Garden.
Meck Morris Dances (Grainger).
New Light Symphony Orch.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—The Ballyhooligans and Hill Billies.
I Got Rhythm.
I'm Nuts about Screw Music (Foxtrots).
Ballyhooligans.
A Shanty in a One Horse Town.
Waltzing Matilda (Australian Song).
Hill Billies.
Favourite Favourites (Foxtrots Medley).
Ballyhooligans.
Across the Great Divide.
My Little Buckaroo.
Hill Billies.
Choo Choo.
China Boy (Quicksteps).
Ballyhooligans.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.
You Showed me The Way (Swing Step).
Where Are You? (Slow Foxtrots).
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Heinz Huppertz and His Orch.
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Fritz (Introducing "The Village Band").
The Scene Changes (Billy Hill).
Hildegarde.
Horsey Horsey (Foxtrots).
Billy Cotton and His Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
5 p.m.—Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
1. (a) Do I love You.
(b) Your's and Mine.
(c) You've Got Something There.
(d) The Moon Got into My Eyes.
2. (a) Love is never out of season.
(b) When Love is Young.
(c) You Can't Stop me from Dreaming.
(d) Have you got any Castles, Baby?
3. (a) You Can't Run away from Love.
(b) I'm Feeling like a Million.
(c) Okay for Sound.
(d) The Cuban Cubby.
4. (a) Seventh Heaven.
(b) All the Way from Ireland.
(c) You Needn't Keep it a Secret.
5. (a) Take Another Guess.
(b) May be It's the Spring.
(c) What Will I tell my Heart.
During the Interval dance records will be played from ZBW.

6.30 p.m.—Children's Records.
The Adventures of Careless Carrie and Wilful William. Wilful William takes Carrie to Sleepy Town Jungle Town Frolics.
New Nursery Tunes for Old Nursery Rhymes.
"At Mother's Knee." Hush-a-Bye Baby, Lullaby, Sweet and Low sung by Essie Ackland.
6.47 p.m.—Chorus.
The Student Prince—Serenade and Drinking Song.
Raymond Marlow, Paul Clemon, Olaf Olson and Chorus.
Because.
Maire My Girl.
The Maestro Singers with Piano.
6.57 p.m.—A Concert by Casals and John McCormack.
Kol Nidrei—Op. 47 (Bruch).
Menuet (Haydn).
Casals.
Music of the Night (Coates).
A Song Remembered (Coates).
Candle Light (Cadman—Shippey).
Anold Sacred Lullaby (Corner arr. Liddle).
McCormack.
Menuet (Debussy).
Gavotte Tendre (Hillemacher).
Casals.
7.30 p.m.—A short talk in French on the Tonkinese Exhibition.
7.35 p.m.—Studio—Raymond Lui and His Hawaiian Serenaders.
1. My Tane.
2. Maori Brown Eyes.
3. Blue Hawaii.
4. Hawaiian Medley.
5. Naughty Hula Eyes.
6. The Four Islands.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.05 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.
8.05 p.m.—Studio—Some Compositions of MacDowell in commemoration of the American Composer, Jan. 24th being the anniversary of his death (Lindsay A. Lafford).
8.25 p.m.—Viennese Music.
Vienna Blood—Selection.
Maria Heister, Herbert Groh, and Max Schipper.
Old Vienna Melodies, (Good Old Times and This Year's Wine).
Edith Lorand and her Viennese Orch.
The Swallows—Waltz.
J. Strauss and His Viennese Orch.
The Blue Danube—Waltz Song.
Voices of Spring—Waltz Song.
Marta Eggerth (Soprano).
Donausellen.

The Last Waltz.
Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Empire Exchange."
Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and the Colonies.
9.15 p.m.—Piano Solos.
Chopin—
Mazurka in D Major.
Mazurka in A Flat Major.
Paderewski.
Farjeon—
Tarantella in A Minor.
Cyril Scott—
Lotus Land.
Danse Negre.
Eileen Joyce.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Walter Glynn and Marek Weber's Orchestra.
Forest Idyll (Esslinger).
The Hermit (Schmalstich).
Orchestra.
I'll Walk Beside You (Murray).
Walter Glynn.
Song Of Paradise (King).
Columbine's Rendezvous (Heykens).
Orchestra.
Walter Glynn Medley (Intro. Just Because the Violets, Smiling Through, Sweet Genevieve, etc.).
Walter Glynn.
Waltz (Duraud).
Tiny Tot (Lotter).
Orchestra.
Tales of Autumn (Pomona) (Waldteufel).
Blonde or Brunette (Waldteufel).
Waltzes.
Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Foxtrots—
Carelessly.
Fifty Million Robins can't be Wrong.
Billy Cotton and His Band.
Tango—
O Balalaika.
Aloha Marimba.
Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra.
Foxtrots—
My Heart's in Old Killarney.
Across the Great Divide.
Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.
Foxtrots—
With a Twinkle in Your Eye.
That Song in My Heart.
Jack Hylton and His Orch.
Foxtrots—
Did You Mean It.
Waltz—
Have you Forgotten so Soon.
Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

INCONSISTENCY

One of the greatest vices that a bridge player can have is inconsistency. A partner who is *always* aggressive or *always* conservative should cost us no tears. Forewarned is forearmed, and it should be a simple matter for us to adjust our bidding to his known tendency. The partner who gives me a severe headache is one who reverses himself at the most unexpected and, usually, crucial moments. The cause of inconsistency is often, I think, lack of confidence in one's own judgment. A player who is in some doubt over the merit of a bid he has already made only makes matters worse by allowing this doubt to distort his later bids. North, in to-day's hand, lost a grand opportunity through nothing but funk.

South, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—J 10 7 3

H.—9

D.—A 5 3 2

C.—10 8 5

WEST

S.—Q 6

H.—8 5 4 2

D.—9 7

C.—A K Q J 8

EAST

S.—9

H.—10 7 6

D.—K Q J 6 4

C.—9 6 4 2

SOUTH

S.—A K 8 5 4

H.—A K Q J 3

D.—10 8

C.—7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	Pass	4 spades	Pass
4 no trump	Double	5 spades	Pass
Pass	Pass		

As a matter of fact, North's triple raise was eminently correct. He had precisely the honour holding and distribution that should dictate such a preempt. Obviously, however, he must have felt that he had overbid the hand because when, a moment later, he had the chance opened with a no trump bid.

to show the one card for which partner was searching, he fumbled it miserably. South had bid four no trump on the precise hope that North would be able to show the diamond ace. If he could, a slam would be an odds-on chance, since the solid heart suit almost surely would permit the discarding of as many losing diamonds as North held. Of course, if the answer to four no trump were five clubs, South would lose interest in the slam, since the opponents could presumably take two diamond tricks at the start. The fact that West doubled the four no trump bid had no bearing whatsoever on North's proper action. If West had passed, I venture to say that North would have made a correct bid of five diamonds, to show the ace. The double probably threw North into a panic, his one idea being to escape onto safe ground. It is hard to conceive, however, that he should not have realized that it would be just as safe to bid five diamonds en route to a final spade contract. Obviously South's idea that, if North had the diamond ace a slam would be probable was correct. Ruffing the second club lead, South drew trumps and got rid of all North's losing diamonds on the long heart suit, then ruffed his own loser in dummy.

But because of North's panic, instead of earning the slam bonus, the partnership received credit only for an overtrick.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: In the following bidding situation, is the double meant for a take-out or does the doubler expect his partner to pass?
South West North East
1 no trump Pass Pass 2 diamonds
Double Pass ?

Answer: This is a penalty double. A double never is for a take-out when the doubler had previously

What's On At the Cinemas

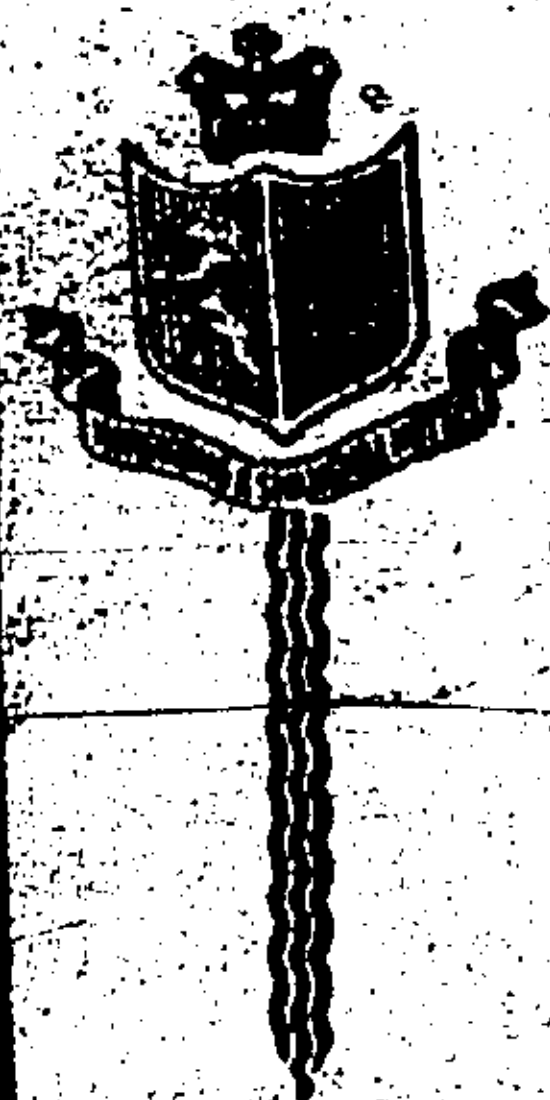
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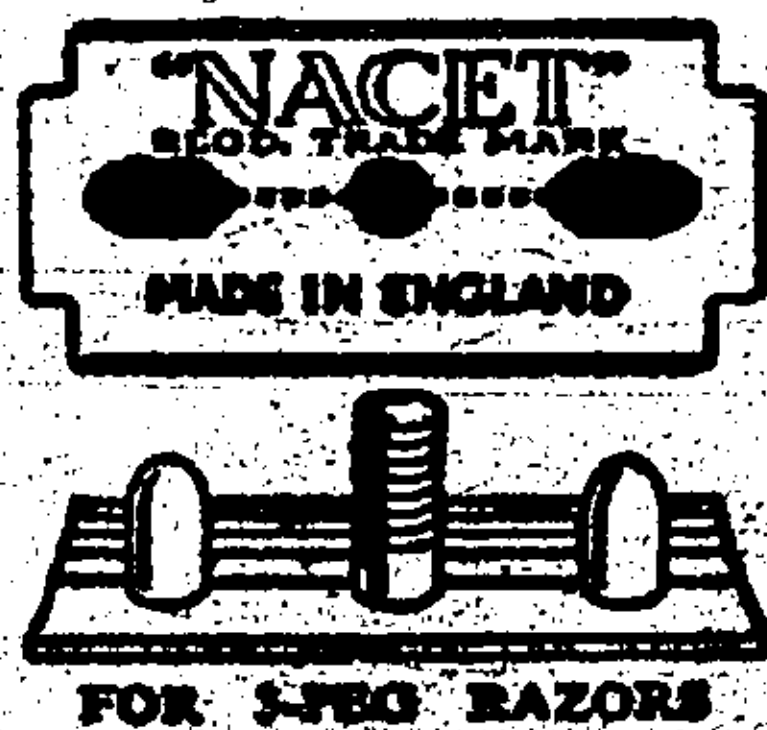
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YUGO-SLAVIAN CONCORDAT DISORDERS

Belgrade, To-day.

The vexed question of the Concordat between Yugo-Slavia and the Vatican, has again been raised, the occasion being the meeting of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church which opened here on Saturday.

Six hundred members of the lower clergy marched in procession on Saturday evening through the streets to the residence of the Patriarch, where they handed in a petition calling on the Bishops to

RUSHDI ARAS TO ATTEND LEAGUE

Geneva, To-day.

It is learned from a reliable source that the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Rushdi Aras, will visit Geneva this week in connexion with the impending General Election in the Sanjak of Alexandretta.

Although Turkey is not a member of the League Council, it is reported that Dr. Aras will be admitted to the proceedings in view of the importance attached to the Sanjak.—Trans-Ocean.

continue the struggle against ratification of the Concordat.

The procession resulted in street demonstrations in the course of which many clashes occurred between police and demonstrators.

It will be recalled that the Concordat was recently ratified by the Lower House but has not yet been submitted by the Government to the Senate.—Trans-Ocean.

ALL-AMERICAN BRIGADE FIGHTS IN SPAIN

Salamanca, To-day.

Three thousand Americans and Canadians, organised to form a special all-American brigade, are stated by the insurgent authorities to be fighting on the Republican side in the civil war.

Three American and one British army officers are stated to be serving on the Brigade Staff.

The insurgents also state that they have found on the bodies of dead Republicans copies of a newspaper, printed in English, called the "Trench News."

It is reported that two English volunteers belonging to the 15th (English) Brigade have been captured.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN TAKES STIFFER ATTITUDE

London, To-day.

Paramount importance is attached in British political circles to Belgium's move to clarify relations with Italy by recognition of Italian conquest of Abyssinia.

It is learned that this question will form the main topic of conversation when Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, meets the Belgian Ambassador.

The Ambassador has spent the week-end in Brussels and returns to London to-day.

It is generally held in London that Belgium will insist on the necessity of normalising her relations with Italy, but a hint is thrown out in the "Sunday Times" to the effect that an effort will be made by Britain to win Brussels to the view that normalisation of these relations is not tantamount to recognition de jure of Italian conquest of Abyssinia.

BRITISH STAND

The whole situation is placed in an interesting and revealing light when the "Sunday Times" says that at present the British Government has no intention of entering into negotiations with Italy, and recalls the fact that Mr. Eden has made the opening of these negotiations dependent upon cessation of anti-British broadcasts from Italy.

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